

# Father guns son down in Anambra

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**F**or the family of Chief Nicholas Chibuife Anamene in Umuohi Okija, Ihiala Local Government Area, Anambra State, things have fallen apart and the center can no longer hold.

The trouble in Anamene's household, Sunday Sun gathered, started after Chief Nicholas had married four wives in quick succession. According to sources, Anamene's four wives later left him one after the other. It was gathered that the women abandoned him when they began to entertain suspicion about their husband's source of income although he claimed to be a chief priest of the notorious Okija Shrine.

Having been deserted by his four wives, Chief Anamene, it was gathered, married another lady, simply identified as Ngozi. Both of them had hardly settled to enjoy the union, when Chief Anamene brought in yet another woman.

Sources revealed that the children left behind by the first four wives were left in the care of Chief Anamene's fifth wife.

Chief Anamene would further expand his harem with yet another woman, a move that never went down well with the last wife. Hence, her decision to follow in the footsteps of the first four wives.

Ngozi, who already had seven children for her husband,

however, decided to stay put with him. Yet, Chief Anamene would not stop having more wives majority of whom, according to sources, refused to live with him.

But for Ngozi, her husband's source of wealth remained a major source of concern. And like the proverbial cat, her curiosity to know her husband's source of income would later land into trouble with the chief priest.

Having failed to persuade her husband against his fraudulent source of income, Ngozi, Sunday Sun learnt, reported her husband to her brother-in-law, a move that yielded no result. But Ngozi would not relent and in order to compel her husband to abandon his fraudulent way of earning a living, she began sabotage her husband. Her husband who was not unaware of this, descended on her by trying to force her to vacate his house.

Anamene, it was learnt, accused his estranged wife of labeling him an impotent and not being the biological father of all his children. "Having noticed that we are not ready to leave the house, my husband started threatening fire and brimstone. He even planned to take me to court for divorce a day before he shot my son whom he said he mistook to be me," Ngozi said.

Narrating how her son, Ugochukwu was allegedly shot by his own father, Ngozi, amidst tears said, "her son was coming in at about 8.30pm on that fateful day, and on sighting



•The lifeless body of Ugochukwu in a pool of his blood.

him, his half brother and the other wife whispered to Chief Anamene that I was coming upstairs. On hearing this, the man picked his Pump Action gun and shot the 23-year-old boy dead on the staircase."

Upon his discovery that he had committed a heinous crime, Sunday Sun learnt that Chief Anyamene attempted to flee from the scene but he was overpowered by the villagers who responded to the alarm raised by Ngozi that her husband had shot and killed their son.

Chief Anyamene, it was gathered, was forced to stay with the dead son in the pool of his blood while the villagers, who took his pictures with his dead son, ordered him to take the corpse to the



•Anyamene at the morgue with his dead son.

morgue, before handing him over to the police.

As at the time of filing this report, Chief Anyamene has

been remanded in prison custody pending advice by the Director of Public Prosecution in Anambra State.