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# Son stabs mother to death

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**T**hirty-five year-old Uzoma Emeka, a native of Amaigbo community in Ihitte, Ezinihitte Local Government Area, Imo State has stabbed his 60-year-old mother, Anna Emeka, to death for allegedly spitting on his food.

Prior to the unfortunate incident, Emeka, his siblings and their 70-year-old father on the one hand had had a frosty relationship with their mother and virtually ostracized her after they discovered Anna's extramarital affair with another man in Edo State in 2003, where the family lived before relocating to Imo State.

To demonstrate their revulsion, hurt and extreme displeasure at what Emeka described as abomination, the husband and children began to avoid eating her meals or even use her kitchen utensils to prepare their own meals.

Recounting the psychological ordeal of the family over the painful discovery and aftermath, Emeka told *Sunday Sun*: "I am the first child of my family. My mother, Anna Emeka dated another man in 2003 in Edo State. Since we found out about it has been war in the family. We all refused to eat my mother's food. Before she started dating the man, we used to do things together and went to the farm to work, but after she committed this abomination all that stopped.

"We never touched any of her kitchen utensils again after the abomination she committed nor entered the kitchen whenever she prepared food. We, the children and our father, did not eat her food. She cooked her food and ate it alone."

He explained further: "My parents left Edo State in February 2014 for Imo State. My younger brother, Mathias Emeka bought them a car, which they brought back to Imo State and had been using as a taxi to earn



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a living. Since the car broke down it has been quarrel among my siblings over to repair it."

Asked what immediately led to the death of his mother, Emeka said: "The ugly incident happened on June 1, 2014 when I became very hungry. I went to the

kitchen to prepare my food. I asked my mother to give me palm oil to eat the yam I roasted. She said I should check in the kitchen. When I saw the palm oil, I noticed that it had almost spoilt. All the same I decided to use like that. I was eating the roasted yam with the palm oil when my mother came over to where I was and began ranting that I said the palm oil had gone bad. An argument ensued between us, and then it turned into a scuffle. In that state of anger, I took the knife and stabbed her on the neck and she died instantly."

Suddenly realizing what he had done, Emeka ran off and sought refuge in the home of the chairman of the community.

On hearing the sound of commotion in his compound, husband of the deceased, Pa Anyanwu Emeka rushed back to his house and saw his wife lying on the ground in a pool of her blood. Recalling that horrific sight, Pa Emeka said: "I was at home in the family compound on that day. Suddenly I heard the voice of my wife, shouting. When I rushed to the house, I met her on the ground dead. Immediately I entered my compound, my son Uzoma ran away to the house of the chairman of the community."

When contacted, the Imo State Commissioner of Police, Mr Abdulmajid Ali who confirmed the incident expressed pain that the family had had a cat-and-dog relationship ever since the alleged adultery of the deceased victim was discovered by her family.

After the community chairman ascertained that Emeka had actually killed his mother, Ali said youths in the community arrested him and brought him to the police station in Mbaire, from where he was moved to the Command headquarters in Owerri for further investigation and prosecution.