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Enugu community where youths take to jungle justice

■ Lynch man over poisoning allegation



• Onyema seated naked and praying silently for God's intervention

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For the family of Okanyi Ugwuoke of Ohamuje village in Aku, Igbo-Etiti Local Government Area of Enugu State, August 20, 2014 would remain a black day in their memory. On that day, the youths of the community rose in unison to lynch the pa-

triarch of the family, Okanyi Ugwuoke. Okanyi's son, Onyema, would have suffered the same fate, as his father but for God's intervention; he survived after being thoroughly beaten.

The incident that led to the gruesome murder of Okanyi started with the mysterious death of 26-year-old Obumneke Ugwuoke in August. Obumneke's elder sister, 28-year-old Ogechukwu Ugwuoke,

was alleged to have died in August, 2013, also in a mysterious circumstance. So, when her younger brother, Obumneke, also died in August, just one year after, in a similar circumstance, some people suspected that their deaths could not have been natural.

Consequent upon the suspicion over their deaths, the youths of the community took it upon themselves to unravel the cause of their deaths.

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