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A 30-year-old man who claimed to be an evangelist, Chukwukezi Afonogu, is now cooling his heels in the custody of the Enugu State Police Command for killing his 65-year-old father, Judge Afonogu (not a member of the judiciary) with a gun.

Afonogu allegedly committed the heinous act because the father purportedly called him a 'mad boy' during an altercation, an insult that enraged him so much and prompted the fatal shooting of the old man.

The Enugu State Commissioner of Police, Mr Mohammed Adamu, who made this known to *Sunday Sun*, said the incident happened at 3pm on August 25, 2014 in Enugu-Inyi, Oji River Local Government Area, Enugu State.

The suspect was said to have been having frequent quarrels with his father. On the fateful day, in the midst of another altercation, Afonogu allegedly retrieved his gun from his room, came out into the family compound and shot his father where he was seated and resting under a tree in the afternoon.

Recounting to *Sunday Sun* how the incident happened, Afonogu said: "I am an evangelist and member of the Evergreen Believers Bible Ministry. Before this thing happened, I was having several quarrels with my late father. My father called me on that fateful day and asked me about an electrician that was supposed to work in our house and he gave me N500. My late father was a difficult person. The incident happened around 3.00pm. My father called me a 'mad boy' and a quarrel ensued. I went inside the room and took my hunter's gun and shot him. I quickly carried him to a nearby bush and buried his corpse because nobody was at home. Immediately I buried him, I ran away. My late father had eight children. The first born died and we have six girls and I am the only son."

The police boss further disclosed that the mother of the suspect, Anthonia Afonogu ran away from home upon hearing that her son had killed his father.

But nemesis caught up with the suspect when youths in the community heard that he killed his father. They

launched a manhunt for him, and were able to smoke him out four days later. Once caught, the youth beat him to

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