

# Mourner stabbed to death at funeral in Anambra

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**A** funeral ceremony held at Edeke Isseke, a community in Ihiala Local Government Area, Anambra State, brought more grief to the bereaved family, when a young man whose name was given as Chibuzor Nwabueze ran amok and allegedly stabbed to death

one Sunday Vinitius Onuchukwu, 45, whose family member was being buried.

Eyewitnesses said the suspect who is from the same council area as the victim who arrived the funeral arena in his car, drove dangerously towards the crowd.

This prompted the victim to hit the booth of the car to caution the driver not to drive in such manner where there was a crowd. This was said to have infuriated the suspect who

came down from his car, rushed to the victim and gave him a head butt.

Not satisfied, the source said, Nwabueze ran back to his car, brought out his dagger and stabbed Onuchukwu severally on the left side of his chest. As *Sunday Sun* further gathered, there was pandemonium when the victim slumped and could not get up. While mourners and sympathizers ran helter-skelter, the suspect took advantage of the confusion to escape in his

car. Our source said the victim died before he could be taken to a hospital.

The head of Onuchukwu's family, Comrade Chris Onuchukwu told *Sunday Sun* that the incident was reported to the police at Uli and the traditional ruler of Isseke, His Royal Highness, Igwe Emmanuel Nnabuike as well as the President General of the community, Mr Christian Okafor.

While calling for justice to be done in the matter, he ex-

pressed dissatisfaction with the way the police was handling the case.

Meanwhile, Igwe Nnabuike said he had been trying to ensure peace in the community and prevailed on the kinsmen of the victim not to launch reprisal attacks.

When contacted to comment on the incident, Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Awka, Mr Uche Ezech (DSP) said the matter had not been reported to his office.