

# Man murders elder brother, niece in Delta

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**K**insmen of Eze Nwayo Onyesomazun in Ogbeisogban Quarter, Ime-Obi, Agbor in Ika South Local Government Area of Delta State have been thrown into mourning.

Onyesomazun, 56 and his 16-year-old daughter, Loveth, an SS III student of Ime-Obi College, Agbor, were allegedly murdered in their sleep by his younger brother, Friday, about 2am in the presence of the victims wife, who was too petrified to do anything to ward off the gruesome attack.

The alleged culprit is now cooling his heels in the custody of the Delta State Police Command, Asaba, where detectives are interrogating him to get to the root of the matter.

Until life was snuffed out of him, the late Onyesomazun was a farmer and wine-tapper. *Sunday Sun* gathered that the suspect sneaked into the house of the deceased in the wee hours of the morning and attacked the dead victims as they slept. He was said to have inflicted several machete cuts on them. Not done with just attacking them he allegedly attempted to set the house on fire as the victims struggled to hang on to life. It was at this point that Onyesomazun's wife, Nkechi, suddenly found her voice and screamed for help with all the power she could muster. Her loud scream tore the silence of the night and roused neighbours



Onyesomazun

from their beds, who rushed in to behold the spectacle of the fatally injured Onyesomazun and his daughter writhing in pain with blood flowing freely from the deep cuts inflicted on them by the alleged suspect.

A kinsman told *Sunday Sun*: "Onyesomazun and his daughter were immediately rushed to the Central Hospital, Agbor, where medical personnel made energetic but unsuccessful efforts to save the life of the farmer. He died a few hours later."

The source added that Loveth was rushed to Delta State University Teaching Hospital (DELSUTH), Oghara on referral, but she



Loveth

was unable to survive and died four days later.

As *Sunday Sun* learnt, nobody in the community had any premonition that the suspect was nursing a devilish intent against the victims as they had all enjoyed good time earlier in the day, when they went to the farm together for the day's work.

Some members of the community, who expressed shock over the dastardly act, noted that the deceased was so nice to the suspected assailant as he and his wife had been taking care of him.

While saying that they could not under-

stand the rationale behind the gruesome murder of father and daughter by the suspect, they described the deceased as a hardworking man and committed community leader, who meant well for everybody.

The distraught widow intermittently broke down in tears as she lamented how Friday allegedly sent her husband and daughter to early grave.

Her words: "My life has finished; Friday has finished me. This is the reward for all the good things that we have been doing for him. My late husband and I were the ones taking care of Friday, because he has no job and no wife. "Even before the night that he carried out his devilish plan on my husband and daughter, we went to farm together and ate together without any premonition of his sinister move or evil intention."

She appealed to relevant organs of government to allow justice prevail, adding that Friday should be made to pay for his wicked action against her family.

Meanwhile, the remains of Onyesomazun and his daughter have been deposited in a mortuary within the area for autopsy.

Although, the police authorities at the Agbor Divisional Station are keeping sealed lips over the incident, sources within the station informed that the suspect was in the custody of the police. It was further gathered that the suspect would be charged to court for homicide at the end of investigation.