

Two brothers butcher wife of their elder brother

GLOOM has descended on the people of Okpono-Etiti Village Oba in Idemili South Local Government Area, Anambra State, after two younger brothers butchered the wife of their elder brother.

Azubuike Onyejebu, 41 and his immediate younger brother, Tochukwu, who is allegedly on the run, attacked 40-year-old Nkechi Onyejebu, wife of their elder brother, Godfrey Onyejebu, who served in the United States army and retired as a colonel.

The two suspects accused the late Nkechi of being behind the decision of their brother to stop giving them money.

Azubuike who is now in the custody of the State Criminal Investigation Department, Anambra State Police Command, Awka, recounted how the incident happened and what drove them to kill her: "I was the one who dealt machete cuts on Nkechi Onyejebu, the wife of my elder

brother, Godfrey Onyejebu. She prevented us from getting money from our brother and the goodies we used to enjoy from him. She drove me out of the family house, which our brother built for the family. Since I left the family house, I have been living in the home of another relation."

He continued: "We warned our eldest brother Godfrey not to marry Nkechi but he didn't heed our advice. No family member accompanied him to perform the traditional marriage rites. He went alone. Soon after she came in, Nkechi forced me out of the family house.

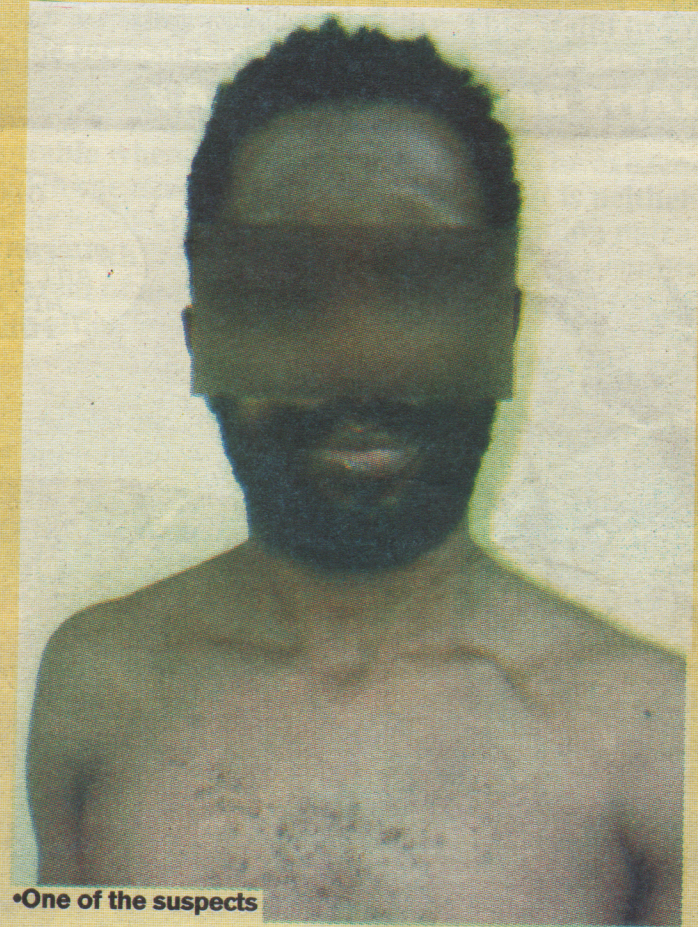
"It was later that Nkechi and Tochukwu started having the same problem I encountered with her. Tochukwu told me that he must deal with Nkechi before leaving for Malaysia. On that fateful day, November 6, 2015, I received a phone call from my daughter and I rushed to the house. When I saw Tochukwu and Nkechi fighting, I wanted to separate them. But somehow I got very angry. I attacked her with my machete."

Azubuike added: "I didn't

have the intention to kill her. Immediately I saw that she was dead, I ran away to Bayelsa State to take refuge while my younger brother, Tochukwu left for Malaysia."

The Anambra State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Hosea Karma confirmed that the horrible incident happened on November 6, 2015, and added that it was not until February 24, 2016, that Azubuike was arrested in Yenegoa, Bayelsa State, following diligent detective work by the police. He also stated that the INTERPOL had been invited to assist in arresting Tochukwu, who is believed to be in Malaysia and then repatriate him to Nigeria to stand trial.

When *Sunday Sun* spoke with the distraught husband of the late Nkechi, Godfrey Onyejebu, he said: "I have been assisting Azubuike and Tochukwu financially. When I wanted to marry Nkechi as my second wife, they objected vehemently to it. In fact they threatened me. I ignored them and married Nkechi in 2014, and our union was blessed with a child until her gruesome murder.



•One of the suspects