

EVIL CONTRACTOR KILLS CLIENT OVER N2M LAND DEAL

■ Pays hired assassins N100k



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A CONTRACTOR in Delta State, Festus Chimunya Chuka, 40, who has proved himself to be

an incarnate of the devil is now in the cold embrace of detectives in the Homicide Section of the Delta State Police Command, where he is being held for interrogation.

Chuka is alleged to have hired a

gang then paid them N100,000 to kill his client, 45-year-old Innocent Nwankwo, who paid him N2 million for a plot of land and building materials, in Asaba, the Delta State capital.

Sunday Sun learnt from the Commissioner of Police, Delta State Police Command, Mr. Muhammed Alhaji Mustafa, that the suspect, Chuka, an electrical contractor engaged by the deceased, who paid N2 million into his Diamond Bank Plc. account for building materials.

Trouble started when Nwankwo demanded for the refund of the money on January 5. Surprisingly, Chuka denied receiving any such amount from the deceased. Shocked by the denial, the deceased informed the suspect that he would visit him in Asaba, to show him the deposit slip.

After agreeing to meet with deceased, Chuka hired one Evans Odiwe, whom he paid the sum of N100,000 on January 6, to eliminate the deceased.

The following day, when Nwankwo got to Summit Junction, a popular place in Asaba, Chuka met and took him to a lonely place at Maryam Babaginda Way, Asaba, where the deceased was attacked

and allegedly killed by Evans Odiwe and a member of his gang. They abandoned his corpse and fled from the scene.

Apparently to cover his tracks, Chuka ran to the GRA Police Station, Asaba, to report a case of armed robbery. But the police smelt a rat and put the suspect under surveillance and eventually arrested him. He led detectives to where Odiwe was arrested at Asaba on January 15.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, DCP. Samuel O. Ojo disclosed to Sunday Sun that police detectives of the Homicide Section later recovered the corpse of the deceased.

Wife of the deceased, Jane Nwankwo, who resides in Onitsha, Anambra State also gave Sunday Sun insight to the case. She said: "The dead victim was my husband. He left home for on January 7, for a business trip. All the time I was calling him, the network said the phone was switched off. After waiting for two days and the phone was still switched off, I began calling his relatives and none of them could say his whereabouts. So I reported him at the police station as a missing person. But this was later

changed to murder at the Police 'A' Division, Asaba.

The Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Samuel O. Ojo corroborated what the widow said and added that the arrested suspects had confessed to the crime.

In an interview with Sunday Sun, Chuka, an indigene of Ossi-sa in Ndokwa East Local Government Area of Delta State acknowledged that Nwankwo paid N2 million to him. "I am an electrical contractor. Nwankwo paid money into my Diamond Bank Account in December, 2017, but he later changed his mind and asked me to refund the amount. By that time I had used some of the money to buy materials. I was sure that if I refunded the money, the project would not be executed again.

As he had proof of payment, I asked my friend, Odiwe, to assist me and threaten Nwankwo. I told them to just warn him. I paid Odiwe N100,000, to hire some boys to threaten the deceased. Unfortunately, they attacked us when I went to meet Nwankwo. I pretended as if I did not know them. They beat the deceased and I escaped. It was later that I knew that the deceased was killed," Chuka said.

Giving his own account of what transpired, Odiwe, an indigene of Umuaji, Asaba in Oshimili South Local Government Area of Delta State, admitted that Chuka had actually paid him money to hire the boys who joined him attacking the deceased at the site.

"We beat him, and also stabbed him to death with a dagger. We searched him to retrieve the slip he used to deposit money in the account of Chuka," Odiwe said.

In the course of investigation, Mustafa said that the police recovered the car, which Chuka had allegedly bought with a part of the N2 million paid to him by the deceased. He added that the car was still being held in the custody of the police at the 'A' Police Division, Asaba and gave assurance that the suspect would be charged to court.

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