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Suspected assassins kill ex-police chief, wife in Imo

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SUSPECTED assassins have murdered a retired Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr Innocent Brown and his wife in the early hours of Thursday, in their home in Umuoke community, Obowo Local Government Area of Imo State.

The couple, according to a reliable source, was stabbed several times with a kitchen knife till they died.

The State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Orlando Ikeokwu who confirmed the incident added yesterday that he was yet to be fully briefed on the incident. Ikeokwu however assured that a thorough in-

vestigation to get to the root of the matter has begun due to the nature of the crime.

The bodies of the deceased have been deposited at the Umulogho Mercy Hospital mortuary in Obowo.

Meanwhile the incident has thrown the community into mourning, as the youths of the area threatened to go on a violent protest if

those behind the incident are not arrested

Findings by Saturday Sun revealed that the senior police officer after his retirement went into full time money lending business. According to an indigene of the village who does not want his name in print, disclosed that Brown was suspected to have lent money to a customer from the village who could not pay back in good time and as

a result, his only land used as a collateral was seized by the late police officer which did not go down well with the customer.

The source said he has fears that one of his customers might have been responsible for the murder.

Another source told Saturday Sun that the late Brown has been having running battle with members of his family over his principle of not lending money to family members. This development according to the source had caused quarrels among members of the family who thought he was not being fair to them.

