

CRIMEwatch

Manhunt for suspected killer of mum's lover

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The Imo State Police Command has spread its dragnet for fleeing suspected murderer, Ugochukwu Okorie

The suspect was alleged to have stabbed his widow mother's lover, Sunday Attashie to death during his visit to their residence at Ubaha Okporo in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State.

Following the alleged murder of his mother's lover, last year, both Ugochukwu and his mother, Madam Christiana Okorie fled the community for fear of being arrested by the police.

However, Madam Okorie apparently believing that the dusts raised by her son's alleged murder of her lover must have settled, sneaked into their community this year but was promptly apprehended by the police.

The Imo State Commissioner of Police, Mr Abdulmajid Ali told Crime Watch that the suspect, Madam Okorie has been having affairs with the deceased for over five years. Suddenly, her son who is at large, chased the deceased and stabbed him to death.

CP Ali said that Attashie always came to see Madam Okorie and the family of the deceased had warned that if they saw her in the deceased's house, they should kill her and that if they see the deceased in Okorie's house, they would kill him.

He said that along the line, the relationship between Okorie and Attashie broke up and there was nothing going on between them again.

Ali added that on the fateful day, when Attashie visited Madam Okorie in her house in the evening, suddenly her son, Ugochukwu chased the deceased from their house. He chased him away and this was around 10.00pm. There, a fight ensued and he stabbed the deceased and he had an internal injury and in the process, died.

He said immediately Ugochukwu saw that the deceased was dead, himself and her mother had fled the community since 2013 when the ugly incident happened.

Ali stated that the ugly incident was reported at Orlu Police Station and immediately the case was transferred to SCID Owerri where Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. David Olawuyon took over the case and mobilized his men.

He said on January 28, 2014, the suspect, Madam Okorie was arrested while her son is still at large.

The suspect, Madam Okorie told Crime Watch that, "I was having an affair with the deceased, Sunday Attashie for over five years. I am a widow. I have just two children for my last husband.

"I didn't have any child for the deceased. He loved me and I love him suddenly the family of the deceased doesn't want to see me. They warned me that if they see the deceased Sunday Attashie in my house we should kill him and that if they see me in their own house, they would kill me. I was warned that I should stay away from their house. That was how the affair with the deceased broke- up.

• Arrest mother



• Madam Okorie, suspect's mother

Okorie, who hails from Okporo Ubana, in Orlu Local Government Area of Imo State explained further: "The deceased came to my house on that fateful day around 10.00pm in the night when there was no light. Suddenly I heard my son asking 'who is that' My son chased him out of our compound and fight ensued among them.

"My son used a knife to stab him and he died immediately that night. We both ran away from the village since 2013 and I came back to the village in 2014. I was arrested by the police while my son Ugochukwu Okorie is still at large."

The commissioner added that the deceased was rushed to the General Hospital, Orlu, but two days later, he died in the hospital. He said the suspect would soon be charged to court.

Danger looms

BY NWANKWO AMAKA

Pace estate and adjoining street Olofin, in Alimosho Local Government may have been exposed to dangerous activities of suspected illegal oil

When Crime Watch visited the area along Iyana-Iba Road, Many of the residents were asked to speak on the matter.

In fact, some of them either feigned outrage or simply directed this reporter to see himself.

A close scrutiny of the area revealed unusual smell of diesel and fuel while the gutters and drains showed oil floating on top of the water.

After moving around in the estate, the adjacent Iroko Estate and Taiwo Street, it was clear that the area is most prone to danger due to the presence of the Nigerian National Petroleum Corporation.

Concerned residents who spoke on the condition of anonymity confirmed that illegal bunkering is rampant in the area with the backing of security agencies.

"It is happening, but nobody can say anything because anybody who speaks are living in fear here because anything can happen."