

Hunter murders girlfriend over phone call

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A hunter, Chidube Onyema, has reportedly shot his girlfriend, Chinwendu, to death for allegedly cheating on him.

The incident occurred on Sunday evening at Umuoki village, Okuku community in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State.

A source told our correspondent that the victim had visited the suspect from her village, Ohabele, Obosima community in Ohaji/Egbema Local Government Area of the state on her return from Aba in Abia State.

According to the source, trouble started after Chinwendu, who was billed to return to Aba same day, answered a phone call in her lover's presence.

The suspect queried who she had spoken with on the phone and as the girl tried to explain, the suspect was said to have asked her for the phone to him, but she refused.

He was said to have immediately pulled his gun from the

corner of his room and allegedly shot Chinwendu on her lower abdomen.

Another version of the incident was that when the lady couldn't give a convincing explanation, the suspect asked for her phone but the girl refused. The man pulled his gun and asked for the phone at gunpoint but the lady still refused. They started dragging the phone and unfortunately they pulled the trigger and the bullet hit the girl below the abdomen, close to her genitals.

Chinwendu was immediately rushed to the Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Owerri, where she died three hours later.

Following the death of the victim on Sunday night, angry youths of Obosima, Ohaji, stormed the suspect's family house yesterday.

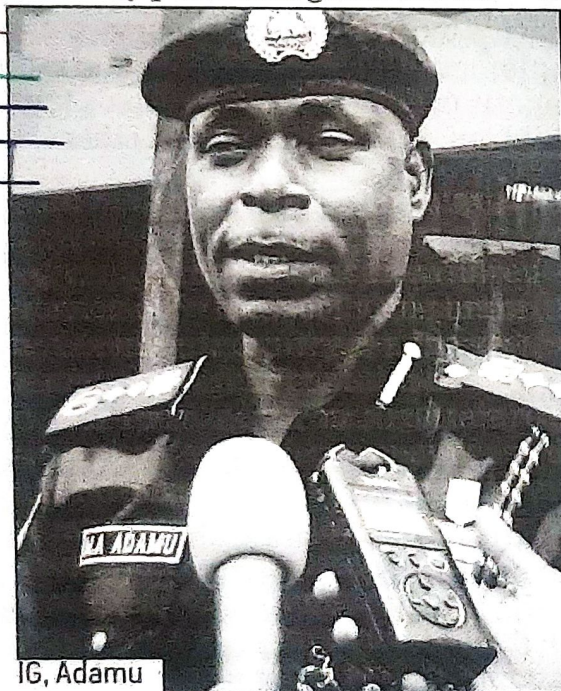
The suspect fled but the irate youths burnt his father's house.

The President General of Okuku Autonomous Community, Martin Daniel, who confirmed the development to our correspondent yesterday, said the community was working with the police to restore peace.

Daniel said the suspect was arrested on Sunday night, while his gun was confiscated and taken to Umuguma Divisional Police Headquarters, Owerri West.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Orlando Ikeokwu, confirmed the incident.

He added that the suspect had been arrested and the case transferred to the State Criminal Investigations and Intelligence Department (SCIID) in Owerri.



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