

Anambra Man Goes Berserk, Kills Son, Daughter, Injures Father

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A 34-year-old man, Ifeanyi Apusiobi, in Ogbunike, Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State yesterday reportedly killed his daughter and son, injuring his 72-year-old father.

A resident of the area said the man suddenly went berserk at 1a.m. yesterday and attacked and killed his children in their sleep.

"I can't just say what happened to him. Maybe he took something that made him run amok. I can't just say. It's painful," an eyewitness said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, said the man killed the children, Chinecherem and Obinna, with a wooden pestle in their sleep, while injuring his aged father on the head.

Mohammed said: "At about 1a.m. on Sunday, police operatives attached to Ogbunike police station arrested one Ifeanyi Apusiobi, 34, of Azu Ogbunike in Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State.

"The suspect allegedly ran amok in circumstances yet to be ascertained and attacked two of his biological children, Chinecherem (daughter), 7, and Obinna (son), 5, with a wooden pestle on their heads while they were sleeping.

"The suspect equally used same object and injured his father, Mr. Dominic Apusiobi, 72, on the head.

"Police detectives visited the scene and rushed the victims to the hospital for medical attention where the children were certified dead by a medical doctor, while the aged father is responding to treatment.

"Their corpses were deposited at Isienyi hospital morgue for autopsy. Exhibit recovered from him and the case have been transferred to State Criminal Investigation Department in Awka for discreet investigation."

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