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# Man murders farmer in defence of his mother

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A 50-year-old farmer, Alphonsus Orjiako, from Umudimogo village in Ihiala Local Government Area of Anambra State has allegedly been murdered by a man in defence of his mother.

The late Orjiako was said to be working on his farmland when a woman, Mrs Stella Obiako, aged 78, whose farmland is located beside his confronted him with the allegation that he overstepped the boundary.

In the ensuing hot exchange of words between the two, the woman's son, Kelvin Obiako, aged 40, arrived at the scene and took over the quarrel in defence of his mother.

It was alleged that Kelvin was very furious because he claimed Alphonsus was always quarreling with his mother and, therefore, threatened him (Alphonsus) that this time his corpse would be carried away from the farmland.

An eyewitness account revealed that not long after, Kelvin started raining punches on the deceased until he collapsed.

Passersby and people that were attracted to the fight were said to have rushed him to Our Lady Lourdes Hospital, Ihiala where the doctor on duty confirmed him dead.

The corpse was later taken to Nnamdi Azikiwe University Teaching Hospital, Nnewi for autopsy. The autopsy, according to findings, revealed that Orjiako died as a result of high blood pressure. But members of the deceased's family have rejected the report of the autopsy.

The wife of the deceased, Mrs Sabina Orjiako, a mother of five, has vowed to seek redress in the law court.

The DPO at Uli Divisional Police Headquarters in Ihiala Local Government Area, confirmed the incident but directed the Nigerian Tribune to the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Awka for more details. At Awka, the PPRO was said to have travelled.

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