

# Police arrest 6 for killing 16-yr-old boy

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**ENUGU**—THE police in Enugu have arrested six members of a vigilante group in Obollo-Afor, Udenu Local Government of the state in connection with the murder of a 16-year-old boy, Mr. Ikechukwu Ogbu.

Reports said Ogbu and few other persons were arrested and detained by members of

the vigilante group led by Mr. Obetta Benjamin (Alias Son of Man) following a misunderstanding over ownership of a GSM handset.

Police investigations into the matter however revealed that the deceased was allegedly shot by members of the vigilante group for failing to provide a carton of beer and N1,000 demanded by the vigilante group for his bail.

It was gathered that while

in custody, Ogbu and four other suspects, were tried and found guilty of the offence by the vigilante group but Ogbu failing to meet the bail condition pleaded for time to do something.

Apparently not satisfied with his plea, Obetta said to be the patron of the vigilante group, picked a pump action gun and ordered one of the boys to shoot the deceased on the leg which he did.

Worried by the ugly development, the natives quickly organized a protest accusing the vigilante group of taking the laws into their hands and operating beyond their official mandate.

Sensing danger, the leader of the group, Mr. Obetta was said to have reported the matter to the police who came and arrested Ogbu and the other suspects, accusing them of robbery.

Ogbu later died in police custody as a result of the gun shot and his corpse was deposited at Prince Eze Hospital Mortuary.

It was gathered that the vigilante group who denied shooting anybody had allegedly assembled some locally-made pistols and guns which they handed over to the police to prove that Ogbu and his colleagues were armed robbers.

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