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14-yr-old boy kills mum over N300 in Calabar

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A 14-year-old boy, Sunday, recently in Calabar, Cross-River State, struck his mother, Eno Sunday John, to death with a pestle for allegedly failing to give him N300.

The incident which took place on a Sunday morning at Ikot- Okon-Nma in Akapbuyo Local Government Area, on the outskirts of Calabar, left the family distraught and confused.

The disagreement between mother and son, a source in the family told Crime Alert, started after the boy allegedly demanded N300 from his mother to enable him meet some financial needs but the mother was said to have pleaded with him for time to raise the money.

This however, did not go down well with the boy who felt his mum had the money but did not want to give him, and in a fit of anger, picked a pestle and hit the woman on the head while she was washing. "My mother was struck to death by my brother in my presence while washing her clothes outside last Sunday" Affiong Sunday, a daughter of the deceased narrated.

Attack with pestle

She said the brother attacked their mother with the pestle and as she tried to run away from the son, he pursued her around the compound and hit her on the head. "My brother pursued her around the compound with a pestle following her inability to give him N300 and before I came from where I went to call neighbors to come and stop him, he had killed her and also threatened to kill our neighbours with the pestle," she lamented.

The late Mrs Eno Sunday John was a subsistence farmer and petty trader in Ikot Okon-Nma, a village about three kilometres and less than 15 minutes drive to Ikot Nakanda until she met her untimely death.

Reacting to the killing, a youth leader and Community Liaison Officer in Ikot Nakanda, Comrade Effiong Effiom, who said he knows both the deceased and her son said Sunday has been having psychiatric problems in the past. Effiom

called on security and authorities to take immediate action by arresting and bringing the boy to justice or seeking psychiatric help for him “before he continues to kill innocent souls in the area.”

A source said the police from Akpabuyo Police Division have arrested and detained the killer- teenager and will soon transfer him to the State Police Headquarters , Diamond Hill, Calabar, for further investigation.

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