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## 17-yr-old slaps mother of 5 to death in Enugu over palm fruits

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**NSUKKA**—THERE was pandemonium, Tuesday, at Elu-Agu Obukpa, Nsukka Local Government Area of Enugu State, when a 17-year-old boy, Bamayi Ahmed, slapped a mother of five to death over domestic fracas.

The deceased, identified as Ramotu Musa, had allegedly gone to harvest palm fruits when Bamayi, and her mother, Ladi Amodu, accosted her and demanded that she should relinquish her palm fruits to them.

Ramotu declined and had carried the farm produce to her home when the young Ahmed, acting on the instruction of her mother, went berserk and slapped her.

Her husband, 70-year-old Mohammed Musa, from Katsina State, but born and raised at Obukpa, told *Vanguard* his wife collapsed after the slap, but was revived and then went to Ahmed, demanding that he should take her to hospital for treatment as she was feeling dizzy and weak after the slap.

The septuagenarian said: "It was around 6p.m., when my deceased wife returned from the farm with the palm fruits. She has just arrived my compound when Ahmed and her mother followed her to my place.

"Ahmed told me that I am a stupid man. I had turned to leave them when I heard the sound of a thunderous slap on my wife. She collapsed, while Ahmed and her mother bolted.

"I quickly rushed to a chemist to buy some drugs for her, but before I could return, she had

regained consciousness and gone to demand that Ahmed take her to hospital for treatment.

"I followed her immediately and was trying to find out how she was feeling as she complained of weakness of the body and shortness of breath.

"Before we knew it, she collapsed again and was rushed to St. Raphael Hospital, Ibagwa, at Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area. From there, she was moved to Faith Foundation Hospital in Nsukka metropolis, where she died."

Confirming the incident, spokesman of Enugu State Police Command, Ebenezer Amaraizu, said some suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder, and assured that the command has launched thorough investigation into the matter.

When *Vanguard* visited Ahmed's home, the house was deserted as villagers confirmed that the occupants ran away after the incident.

Elu-Agu Obukpa is mostly inhabited by Muslims.

