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Hoodlums stab 98-yr-old woman to death in Enugu

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NSUKKA—A decomposing body of a 98-year-old woman identified as Oyibo Ogidi, was discovered, Tuesday morning, at her Amafor residence in Ovoko, Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State.

The childless woman, according to family sources, was last seen on Friday when she visited her ailing brother in the neighbourhood.

The deceased's nephew, Victor

Onyeke, who confirmed the development to *Vanguard*, said the family got the news of her death through a neighbour, who was perceiving unpleasant odour from the deceased's residence, went close and discovered her dead body.

Onyeke further said the woman would have been killed by hoodlums, who stabbed her on the neck, covered her face with her clothing, before carting away her handset and other valuables.

He added that apart from the deep cut on her neck, all her body parts were intact.

Onyeke also said: "She lived alone in her apartment because she didn't bear any child. When we got the news of her death, we were shocked because she was not sick. We rushed to her residence only to discover that her decomposing body was already smelling.

"I discovered that her face was covered with a cloth. However, when I uncovered her, I noticed that she was stabbed on the neck region and left to die in the pool of her blood. It was such a shocking revelation.

"At that point, we rushed to the Igbo-Eze South Police Division to make our report about her death.

After the inspection of her remains, the policemen confirmed that she was murdered and vowed to fish out the perpetrators.

"Her remains have been deposited at the Bishop Shanahan Mortuary in Nsukka metropolis."

Meanwhile, members of the community, who spoke to *Vanguard* on condition of anonymity, expressed worry over recurrent cases of murder in the rustic community. They recalled that a 55-year-old man, identified as Joseph Ogbonna, was equally murdered in his sleep in the same community last April.

Father in court

