Siblings kill brother over father's inheritance in Imo

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OWERRI—One Chinonso Azuatalam was reportedly beaten to death by his siblings over the sharing of their late father's inheritance in Okuku, Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State.

It was gathered that trouble started last Tuesday over which sharing formula to be used for the late father's property.

A source revealed that failure to reach a common agreement led to a fight and Chinonso (deceased) was said to have been beaten by his siblings and was taken to the hospital from where he was said to have passed on.

A female police officer and sister to the deceased said to be involved in the fight, Chioma Azuatalam, has been arrested by the police as well as one of the brothers of the deceased.

A source from the community said: "The issue started on Tuesday when they invited their maternal family from Agwa in Oguta Local Government Area of Imo State to help them settle their disagreement.

"As the process was about to start, a fight started between Chinonso (deceased) and his immediate younger brother, Chibuzor Azuatalam. Chibuzor used a big stick to hit Chinonso at the back of his head and he fell.

"Chinonso was rushed to the hospital where he was confirmed dead. That is how we lost a promising young man. He's married with two kids and presently the wife is pregnant."

Contacted, President-General of the community, Mr Martin Daniel, confirmed the death of Chinonso.

Also speaking, the Imo State Police Public Relations Officer, Orlando Ikeokwo, said: "The deceased picked up a knife and threatened to kill his mother. His sister, who is a police officer, called her two other brothers, who responded and a fight ensued. It was then that one of them hit him with a wood. He lost consciousness and he was rushed to Federal Medical Centre, Owerri, where he was pronounced dead.

"Their sister who is, a police officer, who invited her brother, is in police custody. One of the brothers who hit the deceased with the wood has also been arrested."