

## Widow petitions IG over alleged killing of son by police in Anambra



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**A widow, Mrs. Dorcas Nwakor, has petitioned the acting Inspector-General of Police, Kayode Egbetokun, over the alleged killing of her son, Chibueze Nwakor, by police officers attached to the Police Area Command, Onitsha, Anambra State.**

**In the petition made available to newsmen in Onitsha, yesterday, she lamented that her only son and father of three was allegedly shot dead around his residence, without any provocation, by three policemen, led by one Jude Utazi, on October 13, 2023, while on his way to his place of business.**

**The petty trader who spoke through her family lawyer, Chief Anayo Emejue and Associates said: “Chibueze, who lived at 15F Haruna Street, Odoakpu, Onitsha, was shot to death by police men attached to Police Area Command, Onitsha, led by one Jude Utazi , for allegedly refusing to answer their questions. “After shooting him, the policemen jumped into their ash coloured commuter Hiace shuttle bus and zoomed off. He was rushed to the hospital by his neighbours. But because of the severity of the bullet wounds, he died before receiving medical attention, leaving behind his wife and three children. His corpse has been deposited at the mortuary.**

**“This is a case of wilful murder of a citizen without any justification or provocation. The mother and the wife of the deceased want the Nigeria Police to explain why their son and husband was killed and those responsible for the killing.”**

**Briefing newsmen in his office yesterday, counsel to the family, Anayo Emejue, said, “We were told that the three policemen involved in the killing have been detained at the Police headquarters in Awka. But when we got to Awka, we saw them moving freely on the streets.**

**“His offence was that they asked him a question and he didn’t answer. The trigger-happy policemen shot him, jumped into their ash coloured commuter Hiace and zoomed off.”**

**Every effort to get the reaction of the Investigating Police Officer, Azuka Moses, proved abortive as calls and messages to her telephone line were not responded to.**

**Meanwhile, the Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation Department, Awka, Mr Akin Fakorede, in a letter written to counsel to the bereaved family, urged him to be physically present for the autopsy of the deceased, billed for 12 noon today, at St. Charles Borromeo Specialist hospital morgue, Onitsha.**

**The letter from the Deputy Commissioner read in part, “Notification of autopsy: Invitation to witness the autopsy of late Mr Chibueze Samuel Nwakor, of No. 15F Haruna St. Odoakpu Onitsha, murdered on 13/09/2023. Post mortem examination to likely cause of death will be conducted on Tuesday, October 24, 2023 by 12pm at St. Charles Borromeo hospital mortuary.**