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When our reporter visited the scene the corpse of the victim was still lying under the High Voltage Distribution System (mini transformers) where he attempted to steal the cable.

Residents said the man might have been electrocuted between 2am and 3am because they experienced power fluctuation during the period.

A landlord in the area, Okhuorabo Isaac, said they were surprised to see the body of the suspect in the morning, saying they were frequently buying cables for their transformers and they were always stolen."

Some of the residents identified the suspect as someone who had just been released from prison after spending many months awaiting trial for cable theft.

Confirming the incident, the Public Relations Officer of Benin Electricity Distribution Company (BEDC), Mr. Tayo Adekunle, said investigation into the incident had commenced.

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