Suspected Vandal Electrocuted In Lokoja

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Some residents said the victim was always seen with friends on Angwan Masara Street, Lokoja, before the incident.

Our correspondent learnt that the police and Abuja Electricity Distribution Company (AEDC) officials removed the corpse of the victim from the site and deposited it in a mortuary in Lokoja.

Reacting on the incident, the Lokoja Area Officer of AEDC, Engr Michael Eneromi, said, "The transformer has been a subject of repeated vandalism over a period of time. The recent vandalism that killed the unknown vandal is the fifth in the series.

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"Just last week, we fixed the transformer following a report by the community after it was vandalised."

"Yesterday, following another report of vandalism on the same transformer, we sent a letter requesting N1.9m to fix the transformer."

The Kogi State Police Command's spokesman, SP William Aya, confirmed the incident, saying an unidentified young man was picked up at the transformer site in the Paparanda square, Lokoja by the men of the operatives.

"He was confirmed dead at the federal Medical Centre, Lokoja. His corpse was deposited in the said hospital by the men of the command," he said.