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Man dies while fleeing crime scene

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A 41-year-old man has died after reportedly jumping from a two-storey building in Imo State while allegedly fleeing from a crime scene.

The deceased, identified as Uche Akunacha, who hailed from Amakhohia Owerri, was reportedly caught stealing in another man's house.

A report from Mgbidi police station said on January 9, at about 3pm, the victim, Tochukwu Okafor of College Road, Mgbidi, reported that he came back to his house at about 10am of that day and saw the key on his door damaged. He said on entering, he saw a man with spanner ransacking his room, adding that he prevented the thief from running out of the room and raised an alarm.

The suspect, he added, managed to free himself, jumped down from the corridor of his two-storey building and landed with his head. He was said to have been rushed to the hospital where he identified himself before giving up the ghost at about 5:30pm.

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His confessional statement was video recorded on his dying bed. The spokesman of the police in the state, SP Orlando Ikeokwu, confirmed the story. He said that the wife of the deceased was contacted and the corpse had been deposited at the morgue.