

2 Octogenarian beaten to death in Delta State

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THE Police in Mereje town in Okpe Local Council of Delta State have arrested a youth leader (name withheld) for allegedly mobilising his team members to beat an octogenarian to death.

Reports said that the victim allegedly stole N2,000.00 belonging to someone in the community and the matter was reported to the community youth leader, who ordered that the victim be brought before him for interrogation.

But as the interrogation lasted, under the supervision of the youth leader, he allegedly ordered that the suspect be given 12 strokes of cane.

The instruction was allegedly carried out and during the punishment, he fell down and began to gasp for breath.

It was gathered that he was immediately taken to the hospital in Orerokpe Town where the doctors battled to save his life. He died shortly thereafter.

The State Police Commis-

sioner, Mr. Zanna Ibrahim confirmed the incident, adding that the youth leader was immediately arrested and had made useful statements to the police.

Meanwhile, the police said that the body of the victim had been deposited in a mortuary hospital, saying that irate youths from the community, who have wanted to burn down the suspect's house over the incident were prevented from doing so.

He said normalcy had since returned to the community.