

UNN Final Year Student Stabbed To Death Over Electricity Bill

From **Blessing Udeobasi, Nsukka**

A FINAL year student of University of Nigeria, Nsukka (UNN), **Chuks Stephen Mbah**, was on Thursday night stabbed to death by a fellow student over alleged non-payment of electricity bill.

Mbah, a student in the Department of Public Administration and Local Government, said to have less than two months before his graduation, reportedly was involved in fistcuffs with his lodge president, simply identified as **Nnamdi**, but popularly called **Tiny**, at their **Alfred's Lodge** in Nsukka.

Tiny, a third-year student of the Department of Combined Arts (English/Theatre and Film Studies) was said to have disconnected the deceased's electricity line following his inability to pay a fine of N200 as agreed by the residents of the lodge for defaulting.

A resident of the lodge, **Helen Okereke**, who described the incident as unusual, unexpected and a brief moment of anger, lamented that it "ended up destroying a lot of things".

Daniel Sunday, another resident, who narrated the incident, said the whole issue started last month when **EEDC** (Enugu Electricity

Distribution Company) brought a bill for the lodgers, which they cleared, only to be told afterward that the bill they cleared was only that of those living in the first series of the lodge (downstairs) and not for the whole lodge.

"The lodge president then called for a meeting, where they all agreed to pay a sum of N1,000 for a start," he said. Meanwhile, the Enugu State Police Command has commenced full-scale investigation into the alleged murder. State Police Public Relations Officer, **Ebere Amaraizu**, said a suspect had been arrested over the incident, while the deceased's body had been deposited at the mortuary.

Bank Vows Action After Security Guards Assaulted Customer Over Threat To Close Account

By **Odita Sunday**

ONE of the first generation banks has assured prompt action to address the alleged assault of one of its customers by its security guards inside the banking hall for threatening to close his account for unsatisfactory service.

The client, who was said to have gone to the bank for a transaction on Wednesday, was reportedly beaten mercilessly by some security operatives attached to the Osapa, Lekki, Lagos branch of the bank.

A video of how the customer was being assaulted by the security men has been trending on the social media, while some people advice the customer to seek a redress in the

court over the alleged inhumane treatment against him by the bank.

According to sources present at the scene of the incident, trouble started when the victim got involved in a heated argument with another bank customer and refused to leave the banking hall after being told to do so.

The said client, who does not seem to like the bank's position in resolving the dispute between him and the other customer, informed the staff of his intention to close his account with the bank, insisted on doing so immediately and withdrawing money in the account before leaving the hall, a decision that didn't go down well with the security men, who descended on

him and even hit him with gun butt.

But reacting to the video, the bank, through its verified Twitter handle, said the matter was being investigated, adding: "Our attention has been drawn to a video posted online of an incident that happened at one of our branches.

"The bank is currently investigating this unfortunate incident and will take immediate steps to address both the reasons behind the episode and its fallouts.

"We assure the public that our customers remain at the core of our business and we are committed to delivering the highest standards in customer experience across all our touch points."

From **Tina Todo, Calabar**

Police Detain Mother Of Four Over Husband's Alleged Offence