

Suspected Cultist Who Killed Varsity Student Set Ablaze

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A suspected armed cultist has been burnt to death, while three others fled following the gruesome murder of a final year computer science student of the University of Uyo (UNIUYO).

The deceased was allegedly killed by hoodlums who struck in the students' communities of Idak Okpo, Nnung Anyan and other adjoining areas in Ita, in Itu local government area of Akwa Ibom State.

The final year student, identified as one Daniel Okon, from Oron LGA, until his demise, lived at 13, Ikpa Lane, and her neighbour, whose house was also attacked, said the deceased was shot dead in the early hours of Sunday, at 12:51

am, by dozens of cultists on a house-to-house raid for phones, laptops and cash.

She said the late Dan was with his girlfriend when the thieves started the operation at 12: 51 am and moved from compound to compound, searching every room along Ikpa Lane and others in Idak Okpo community for valuables to steal.

"When they shouted on him (the deceased) to open the door, he refused, and I think it was because of his girlfriend, who came that Saturday night to spend the night. And immediately they (the criminals) succeeded in forcefully opening the door, the guy was attacked with gunshots to his stomach by the navel region.

"With the gunshot wounds, he struggled and fled into the thick night and later collapsed in the backyard as the effects of the gunshot took hold of him. After he fled, the armed robbers also fled, but summoned courage to return and picked his (the deceased) phone," she stressed.

The landlord, Mr Archibong Elong's room, her room and others, according to her, were also raided with phones, laptops and cash, seized, lamenting that "the whereabouts of the girlfriend to the deceased arrested by the police, who only responded to the distressed calls after about two hours after the attack, was yet to be established."