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A 41-year-old man, Mr. Chinedu Nwosu, was found dead in his apartment on Sunday, at Uruowe village in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The victim, who hailed from Ebonyi State, was a trader at New Motor Spare Parts Market in Nkpor.

He lived with his younger brother in the rented apartment.

According to a neighbour, the deceased came back from his business on Saturday and went to bed.

“He said at about 2am on Sunday morning, there was a loud noise, followed by a cry for help from his room.

The landlord, simply identified as Mr. Ikokwu, told reporters yesterday that he heard noises but thought they were from the road, which is nearby.

He said: “On that fateful day, all other tenants went for night vigil. The closest neighbour to the victim travelled out of the yard and Chinedu was with the person he introduced to me as one of his younger brothers.

“Around midnight, we heard noises. But before we realised that the noise was coming from his apartment, he had already fallen down in a pool of his own blood.”

But other tenants condemned the landlord, saying: “Since the landlord admitted hearing the man’s shout for help and they both live upstairs, he should have called the police or the vigilance group to intervene.”

Sources said the police found the dagger allegedly used to kill the deceased at the scene of the incident.

Divisional Police Officer Rowland Omatoje confirmed the incident.

He said the matter would be transferred to the State Investigation Department (SCID) .