Transformer vandal electrocuted in Imo govt school

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An unidentified man was electrocuted in the early hours of Wednesday in an attempt to vandalise a transformer at Government Secondary School Owerri, Imo State.

A security man at the school, who gave his name simply as Iwu, said the man must have jumped the school fence late in the night to have access to the transformer which was donated to the school by the 1970 class of the Old Boys Association.

It was learnt that the man met his death when electricity was restored at the school around 1am.

Sources said it was in the morning when "we discovered a lifeless burnt body inside the transformer that is also fenced with barbed wire located

near the school gate."

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The school principal, Chukwujindu Anyikwa, who confirmed the incident, said on noticing the incident, he reported it to the Secondary Education Management Board (SEMB) and Enugu Electricity Distribution Company (EEDC).

The two agencies, according to Anyikwa, visited the scene of the incident and confirmed it.

The Education Secretary, Azubuike Augustina, SEMB Legal Director Barr. Leo Iwuoma and Director of Planning Research & Strategy Dr. (Mrs) Agim were members of the Education Board that visited the scene of the incident, he said.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the Imo State Command, ASP Henry Okoye, confirmed the incident.

He advised the school authority to engage more security personnel, especially at night.