

City Briefs

21-year-old electrician electrocuted

Adeolu Adeyemo
OSOGBO

An electrician, Mutiu Aderemi, was yesterday electrocuted on a pole carrying low-tension electric cables at Aleegun area of Ota Efun, Osogbo, Osun State.

The 21-year-old Aderemi was trying to reconnect the cable which was disconnected by Ibadan Electricity Distribution Company (IBEDC) for one of his customers.

The pole reportedly broke while the cable fell on the electrician. He was said to have repeatedly shouted for help before he gave up the ghost.

Residents of the area rushed to

the scene only to discover Aderemi's body on the ground.

The IBEDC spokesperson, Mrs. Kikelomo Owoeye, warned against illegal tampering with electric installations.

She said: "A lot of cases are being handled by the police and the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) for us concerning those caught in the act of illegal access to our facilities. But we would be glad if communities work with us by ensuring that their members are not engaging in this criminal act so as to avoid loss of lives and property.

"IBEDC is ready to serve the customers better. So, if there are faults on their lines they should not hesitate to report to us.

Nollywood star, Azodo, in court for robbery

Okegwo Kenechukwu
ONITSHA

An Onitsha Magistrate's Court has adjourned till November 24 hearing in a case of robbery brought against an Anambra State-born Nollywood actor, Mr. Ifeanyi Azodo.

Azodo was arrested by the police in Onitsha recently for an alleged robbery in a private hotel.

The police Area Commander, Alhaji Abubaka Yahaya, and the state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Nkiru Nwode, confirmed the arrest.

Meanwhile, a middle-aged man, Pascal Julius, was also on Tuesday arraigned before an Atani Magistrates' Court presided over by I. O. Chukwudebelu for stealing and selling of 560 cartons of Hero

beer, property of Amiwaco Resources Limited.

But after the charge was read to the accused, he pleaded not guilty.

The prosecutor, ASP J. O. Uwakwe told our reporter that the driver loaded the beer at the Hero depot and left. But after some days, he went back to report that he had an accident.

Uwakwe said the company's quick intervention led to the recovery of some of the goods while 560 cartons valued at N1.4 million were missing.

The matter was later adjourned till November 9 for hearing.



Azodo