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Secondary school student burnt to death in Anambra

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A Junior Secondary School One student in Anambra State, identified as Chigozie (surname withheld) was on Sunday night burnt beyond recognition following a fire outbreak at his school.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Mohammed Haruna, in a statement made available to the *Nigerian Tribune* in Awka, on Monday, said on January 6, at about 9:45 a.m, one Reverend Kajetan Anuforo, the principal of the school reported at the Awada police station that there was a fire outbreak in the school on January 5 at about 10:00 p.m, at a section of the school dormitory when the students were out in the field for night prayers.

He said the fire, which completely burnt down a dormitory block, was eventually put off by the concerted efforts of the staff and students of the school. However, when the dust settled, it was discovered that a JSS 1 student, Chigozie (11), who did not go out with other students for prayers, was caught up in the inferno and burnt beyond recognition.

"Police detectives, led by the DPO of Awada Division, CSP Tony Adeyi, visited the scene and took the victim to the hospital, where he was certified dead by a medical doctor.

"The corpse, which had been photographed, was deposited at the mortuary for postmortem examination.

"Meanwhile, the cause of the fire and value of property destroyed is yet to be ascertained," the police spokesperson said.