

Bandits kill SS3 student, injure others in Abia

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A Senior Secondary School student of Marist Comprehensive Academy, Uturu, Abia State was on Saturday, at about 6:45 p.m., killed during a robbery incident by suspected bandits.

A source said the incident occurred at a sharp bend immediately after Okigwe Prisons Authority.

The source said the bandits were trying to rob vehicles on the road when the students started running into the bush to escape.

He said in a bid to stop the students, the bandits shot sporadically and in the process, killed one Edeh Donald, of Marist Juniorate.

In a statement, the management of Marist Comprehensive Academy confirmed the incident.

It stated that: "Some students from Abia State were attacked by bandits at Ihube road in Okigwe Local Government Area on their way from a final religious profession of some Marist Brothers.

"In the course of the robbery attack, one student, in person of Edeh Donald, was shot and he later died.

"Three other students were injured. They are receiving treatment and they are responding to the treatment.

The vice chancellor of Abia State University, Professor Onyemachi Ogbulu, however, said no ABSU student was

kidnapped.

Meanwhile, the state governor, Okezie Ikpeazu, has directed the Commissioner of Police in the state, Mrs Janet Agbede, to, as a matter of urgency, liaise with her counterpart in Imo, to swiftly arrest the hoodlums and bring them to justice.

The Commissioner for Information, John Okiyi Kalu, in a press release, said: "Abia State government has also confirmed from the management of Marist Comprehensive Academy, Uturu, that the three students who sustained injuries from the attack have been treated and discharged, while the parents of Master Edeh Donald have been contacted."

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