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Suspected armed robber roasted to death

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A young man suspected to be an armed robber, was set ablaze and dumped at the Ekpo Iso area of Ikot Ansa in Calabar Municipality area council of Cross River State.

Residents of the area discovered on Wednesday the charred remains of the victim, who was believed to be in his early 20s, was deposited in their neighbourhood in a bush path linking the premises of Government College, Calabar by unknown persons.

Students of the college, who were on vacation classes, were seen milling around the remains of the victim when our correspondent visited the scene.

Though the identity of the victim, who had matchete cuts on one of his legs, could not be ascertained, he was burnt beyond recognition. Some of the sympathisers at the scene said he must be an armed robber.

They said he was probably killed elsewhere by his assailants and dumped in the nearby bush for fear of being arrested by the police.

Another set of sympathisers said he must have been dispossessed of his valuables before he was killed but the scene did not portray an robbery incident.

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