

Illegal connection: **Electrician dies on PHCN pole**

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AN electrician identified as Caleo Major was electrocuted on Thursday in Orije, near Ogbunabali in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Major was said to have been engaged in an alleged illegal connection of electricity to a consumer within the area.

The deceased was said to have fallen from the pole as a result of contact with one of the cables supplying electricity to residents of the area.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the deceased did not wear a pair of gloves before climbing the electric pole.

Public Affairs Officer of Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Borokini Business Unit, Mr. John Onyi, said the deceased was not a staff of PHCN.

Onyi explained that the electrician tampered with PHCN installation and was electrocuted by one of the cables supplying electricity to Orije residents.

According to him, the body of the deceased was taken away by some policemen who were patrolling the area.

Confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Rita Inoma-Abbey, said the family of the deceased had already been informed of the development.