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Man, 24, found dead in Benin



Danjuma

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The corpse of a 25-year-old physically-challenged man was on Wednesday found on Oza Street, Off Sakponba Road in Benin.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the deceased, simply identified as Danjuma, died on Tuesday after he was abandoned by unknown persons in front of his uncle's house.

The late man, who hailed from Plateau State, was said to have been dumped in a waste dump by his uncle, identified as Arase, who also threatened to deal with anyone who tried to rescue the boy.

It was gathered that succour, however, came the way of the late Danjuma when a female group, Forum for Nigerian Women in Politics, rescued him from the dump and took him to a private hospital in Benin, before he was later reportedly taken to the state ministry for women affairs.

But the deceased's hope of survival was cut short, when unknown persons were said to have brought him back and left him in front of his uncle's house last Thursday and later found dead on Tuesday.

Some residents, who declined mentioning their names, said that they woke up to find the lifeless body of the 24-year-old.

"I think he must have been brought here in the night on last Thursday, but I don't know who brought him.

"We saw him dead yesterday," one of them said.

However, when *PUNCH Metro* visited the street where Danjuma was abandoned, he was found under his wheelchair with sores on his feet.

The President of FONWIP, Mrs. Florence Gbinigie, who said she was surprised to see that the boy was dead, explained that she saw him lying lifeless beside his wheelchair.

She said, “I felt very sad because that was not how he was when he was discharged from the hospital.

“I noticed that he was dead with a lot of flies on his body so I covered him with a cloth.”

“The ministry should explain to us how the boy got here and how his case became worse to the point of death.

“They told us that they were taking care of the boy.

“So why did his condition become this bad?”

Efforts to reach the Ministry of Women Affairs and the Edo State Command of the Nigeria Police Force on the matter were unsuccessful of press time.

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