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Onajimi Street

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An 18-year-old man, identified only as Sunday, was killed on the Onajimi Street, Somolu area of Lagos on Friday.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the deceased's stomach was slashed with a broken bottle before the seven-man gang strangled him to death.

Our correspondent gathered from sources that those who killed Sunday, were suspected members of the Eiye Confraternity.

A source, who was at the scene of the incident, said, "It happened on Friday afternoon. Sunday had been away from the

area for sometime because he feared he would be killed by the men. His mother had also told him to stay away.

"But on Friday, he suddenly showed up on a visit to his parents. He was first at Oyeyemi Street, where he drank with some of his friends.

"In the afternoon, he went to his mum's shop at Onajimi, where she was selling noodles.

"He was eating noodles when a member of the Eiye gang spotted him, and came around with some other members.

"While the others were in hiding, he came to take a second look at him to be sure he was their target. He then signaled to the rest to come out of their hiding."

Another source said, "The men, numbering seven, grabbed the teenager and shot him twice in the chest, hacked him with cutlasses, broke a bottle and slashed him from the armpit down to his stomach. When they saw he was still breathing, they strangled him."

PUNCH Metro gathered that the attack caused panic in the area as residents shut their doors and shops.

Late in the afternoon, our correspondent learnt that some friends of the victim took his corpse to Popoola Street, which was not far from Onajimi Street.

A source said the boys took the corpse to the front of the house of a landlord, whose son was suspected to be a member of the Eiye Confraternity.

He said, "They dropped his corpse there and began vandalising th+e property. They asked all the tenants in the house to leave because they would return to burn it down."

On Saturday evening, when our correspondent visited the area, there was fear and tension. Many of the streets

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were deserted as residents said they were expecting a reprisal from the Aiye Confraternity, another group in the area.

The Deputy Police Public Relations Officer, Lelma Kolle confirmed the incident.

He, however, could not give our correspondent a detailed account of the police investigation into the incident. He promised to call him back with the information.

But the DPPRO had yet to call *PUNCH Metro* as of the time of press time.

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