

when his wife brought the girl from Akwa Ibom, during a visit to their hometown, he challenged her because the girl was very young.

Touch-A-Heart Foundation, Mrs. Favour Benson, who took up the girl's case, told *Saturday PUNCH* that at the moment, Glory is being given

stealing anything else, she said no, that it was just food. If Glory was not constantly hungry, she would not steal food."

Murdered in cold blood, family of slain hunt for witness to murder

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Six months after the murder of Gafar Adeoye by suspected cultists, a 30-year-old Philosophy student of the Olabisi Onabanjo University, Ago Iwoye, Ogun State, the family is still reeling in the pain of his death, which has produced no suspect.

At the moment, the family has accused the management of the institution of being insensitive and unhelpful in producing a witness to the crime, who might have information about the death of the young man.

Saturday PUNCH learnt some suspected cult members walked into the room of Gafar, in a building rented out to students in Oru-Ijebu on the night of October 13, 2015, and shot him in the chest with a pump action rifle.

He was said to have bled to death in the room while a friend of his (names withheld for security reasons) who was in the room during the attack, escaped unhurt.

Gafar's family now insists that the witness, who is also said to be a student of Philosophy in the institution, might have information about the killers of his friend.

Gafar's brother, Akeem, told *Saturday PUNCH* that all efforts to get the witness

to the murder, to make a statement on the incident at the Department of Criminal Investigations, Eleweran, Abeokuta, where the case was later transferred, has been abortive.

"I went to OOU in company with policemen from the DCI, but the chief security officer still did not produce the student even though we had earlier been told that he would be handed over to the police to tell his own side of the story," Akeem said.

He said that when the young man was invited to the Topan Police Division, Ijebu-Igbo, where the case had first been reported, he told the police in his presence that two people came into the room and shot Gafar. Since his first appearance at the police station, the witness has refused to reappear after the case was transferred to the DCI, Eleweran, Abeokuta.

But Akeem said various discrepancies in the narration given by the witness about what took place that day made them suspicious that he might have more information than he was letting out.

Akeem said the murder of Gafar, which has remained without any meaningful reaction from the OOU management, has devastated their widower father.

The body of the deceased has yet to be released to the family for burial.

Saturday PUNCH learnt after the death of Gafar, students of the institution



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protested, during which they threatened to burn down houses in the town of Oru-Ijebu.

The young man, who witnessed the murder told the police that the night before Gafar was killed, he had gone to the deceased's room for a group reading.

Akeem said he did not believe that his brother was a cult member but explained that it was possible that he had offended some cult members who decided to come after him.

He said, "I know for a fact that my