

Man kills kinsman over bride price in Imo

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Tragedy struck in Umueje village, Obinze community, in the Owerri Local Government Area of Imo State on Monday after a man, Victor Iwu, allegedly killed his kinsman, Bright Odi, over marital rites.

A resident of the community, who identified himself only as Cosmos, told our correspondent in Owerri on Tuesday, that the youth set the house of the suspect on fire after news broke that the victim had been confirmed dead in a hospital.

The source said trouble started when the suspect and the victim had an issue on the sharing formula of the bride price of one of their sisters, who recently got married.

The source said, “Victor kicked Bright, an electrician in his scrutum over the sharing formula of the pride price proceeds of one of their sisters who recently got married. He immediately lost consciousness and was rushed to the hospital where he was confirmed dead on the next day, Tuesday. Out of anger, the youths set the family house of the suspect on fire.”

The police spokesperson in the state, Orlando Ikeokwu, said the incident had been transferred to State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department.

He said, “The súspect is at large and will soon be arrested.”

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