Benue man electrocuted while reconnecting wires

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A 26-year-old man, Humble Paul, has been electrocuted in the Ede Ai-aigbenu community of the Okpokwu Local Government Area of Benue State.

It was gathered that Paul was electrocuted on Sunday, March 28, 2021, while reconnecting electric wires disconnected by the officials of the Jos Electricity Distribution Company.

PUNCH Metro learnt that some residents of the community, whose supply were disconnected by the company, contracted the deceased to reconnect their wires for the sum of N400 each.

An eyewitness, who identified herself simply as Fatima, said Paul was working on the wires without protective gear when power supply was suddenly restored.

It was gathered that immediately the power was restored, Paul was electrocuted and died on the spot.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

"The command got the report of a man who was electrocuted; his corpse has been deposited in the morgue. We're investigating to find out if he had a licence to operate," she said.