

# Imo youths kill man found with hard drug

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**S**OME youths on Friday beat dead a 27-year-old man, Darlington Ugboaja, who was found with a local drug, methamphetamine, popularly known as Mkpurummiri.

Ugboaja death caused panic in Anara Market, Imo State, on Friday as traders hurriedly shut their shops for fear of reprisal from the victim's kinsmen.

A source told our correspondent that Ugboaja lost consciousness while the youths were administering jungle justice on him, but was pronounced dead at a hospital that was rushed to.

The source said, "They saw him coming out from a shack where drugs

are sold. They suspected he had Mkpurummiri in his possession. They quickly searched him and found the substance. They tied his hands to an electric pole and started beating him.

"He lost consciousness and he was rushed to Anara Health Centre, but there was no doctor on duty. They rushed him to another hospital at Umunachi where he was pronounced dead."

The deceased kinsman, Kingsley Onyewuenyi, told our correspondent that Ezihe community was saddened by the death of Ugboaja.

The police spokesperson for the command, Micheal Abattam, told our correspondent that the incident had not been reported at any police station in the state.