Hoodlums kill abducted youth, police

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Some unidentified gunmen have killed a youth, identified simply as Ifeanyi, and dumped his body by the roadside.

The victim was said to have been abducted at Okpuno in the Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State, two days to Christmas.

According to a source, the body of the victim was found on

Christmas Day along the road in Awka.

The source said, "He was kidnapped on Friday along Geneva Hotel Road; I don't know the exact point where his lifeless body was found, but it was found by the roadside."

The state police spokesman, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, said the matter was being investigated.

"It is a pure case of

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murder and it's still under investigation. We urge the witnesses where the dead body was found to volunteer information that will support the ongoing investigation.

"Preliminary information shows that it could be cult-related as there were marks of axe cuts on the deceased's body. Meanwhile, the body has been recovered and deposited in the morgue," Ikenga added.