

Delta transformer vandal dies of electrocution

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A yet-to-be-identified man has died of electrocution while vandalising a transformer in Ogbe Quarters, Ute- Okpu community, in the Ike North-East Local Government Area of Delta State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that residents in the community raised the alarm when they saw the corpse of the man hanging on an electric pole and cables located close to a market in the community.

A resident, simply identified as Mr John, told our correspondent, a yet-to-be-identified boy was on his way to a nearby community when he saw the corpse on the pole and raised the alarm.

John said, “We were alerted by a young boy who was going to the next village that a dead body was hanging on the electric pole. We have been indoors since morning because of the rain that kept us in our beds.

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“We didn’t go anywhere due to the rainfall. Even though we came out to our frontage, we did not notice the lifeless body of the young man hanging there. The corpse was holding an electric cable, which means that he was cutting the cable.

“For some time now, we didn’t have a power supply but the BEDC restored power around 3am; only God knows what happened. We alerted the vigilance members in this area and they informed the police before the corpse was brought down.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, on Sunday confirmed the incident.

He said, “Yes, it is confirmed. The young man is a vandal and unfortunately, he was electrocuted.”