

•The late Gift Marshal

Acid Victim Girl Dies

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Doctors at the emergency ward of the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital in Cross River State have lost the battle to save the life of Gift Marshal, the girl who was bathed with acid last week by her boyfriend.

P.M.NEWS gathered this morning that the girl died days after doctors tried to treat her

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severe burns occasioned by the acid attack on her by her boyfriend, Okon Victor Antem, who is now on the run.

The doctors were said to have done their best but the acid had eaten too deep into her body that "she needed urgent skin transplant and operation outside the country but owing to lack of funds, she had to be treated at the UCTH," our source said.

The parents of Gift, who reside in Port Harcourt, according to sources, have deposited her body at the UCTH mortuary and would soon come to take it to their village in Akwa Ibom State for

burial.

P.M.NEWS had, in its Friday, 3 November, 2006 edition, reported how the two lovers fell apart following a misunderstanding between them after living together since 2004.

Gift, who spoke to our correspondent on her hospital bed last week after the acid attack, said Victor was fond of beating her up whenever they had any slight misunderstanding.

According to the late Gift, "Victor was no longer interested in the relationship and so I had to look beyond him."

She said she had gone to Port Harcourt and after she returned to Calabar, she decided to go and pack her belongings from Victor's house. On getting there, he attacked and poured raw acid on her and escaped.

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