

Cable electrocutes 42-year-old widow

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A 42-year-old widow, Mrs. Joy Osuchukwu, was yesterday night electrocuted by streetlight cable on the road in front of Udoka hall, Water Works Road Abakaliki, Ebonyi State. It was gathered that the late Osuchukwu had returned to her residence at No. 27, Ukwansi Street, Abakaliki, after a prayer session in her Methodist Church Abakaliki when she went to the neighbouring street to fetch water for domestic purposes and was electrocuted on her way back home.

While returning home, she stepped on naked streetlight cables on the road and got electrocuted. Her last child Victory (4) who was with her called her several times but she could not respond. Her neighbours and some persons were said to be around a shop located very close to the scene of the incident and could not rescue her but a passerby who saw the widow being electrocuted, came to her rescue but was shocked and thrown away by the cable.

The widow left three children behind; Miracle Osuchukwu (10) Amarachukwu Osuchukwu (8) and Victory Osuchukwu (4) The widow who until her death was a staff of Ezza South Local Government headquarters hails from Umunze community in Orumba South Local Government Area of Anambra State while her late husband, Kingsley Osuchukwu a Chemist who died four years ago, was a native of Nneato community in Umunneochi Local Government Area of Abia State.

Speaking to Saturday Telegraph, a resident of the Area and Chairman Umunze Progressive Union (UPU, Abakaliki branch, Uchenna Joseph Obi, said: “I was called on phone last night. The caller informed me

that my relative has been electrocuted. When we went there, she had already died. “We were told that when she returned from the church last night, she went to fetch water which she would use for domestic purpose.”