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Benue varsity in confusion over death of lecturer

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Students and members of staff of Benue State University, Makurdi, were thrown into confusion on Tuesday, when the news of the death of a former dean at the Faculty of Law, Dr Gwa Jande, who was killed by suspected cult members, filtered into the institution.

According to an eyewitness, the lecturer and some of his friends had walked into a drinking joint around 7.55 p.m on Monday when two young men came around, threatening to kill anyone who disobeyed their orders.

The eyewitness, who said he was at the joint to take some bottles of beer after the day's work, added that he heard a gunshot after which the lecturer started crying for help.

The lecturer was said to be in the pool of his own blood before the suspects drove away.

Meanwhile, Benue State Police Commissioner, Alhaji Ibrahim Mohammed, has paraded 27 suspects who were arrested in connection with the incident. He said those who were unlawfully arrested would be released after investigation, which he said was still ongoing.

However, the remains of the lecturer had been deposited at the Federal Medical Centre, Makurdi.

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