

# Police investigate young lady's death

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**CALABAR**—THE police in Cross River State are investigating the death of a young lady, Atim Andem who allegedly died from wounds inflicted on her by her boyfriend.

According to *Vanguard* sources, the deceased was a girlfriend to one Joseph Etim Ekanem of No 53 Garden Street Calabar who allegedly dealt her the blow that killed her.

Trouble started when on the night of September 22, 2007, the girl visited her boyfriend, Joseph Ekanem and at midnight, the accused was said to have confronted the lady accusing her of being unfaithful to him. This led to an argument which resulted in the youngman raining blows on the girl. Finally the man used an iron rod to hit the girl on the head and she slumped.

Subsequently, in the thick of the night, the man fearing that the lady had died, began the process of dragging her unconscious body out of his room in a bid to dump her somewhere on the road nearby.

Nemesis caught up with him when a neighbour who recognised the man and the girl as lovers saw the boy dragging the girl down the road. The neighbour drew closer and discovered what had happened and raised an alarm.

Other neighbours sprang from their sleep and apprehended the youngman while others took the lady to the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital peradventure she could still be saved. She was confirmed dead at the hospital.

The father of the deceased, Mr. Andrew Eddet Okon of No. 9 Ansa Street Calabar is appealing to the police Commissioner to ensure that justice is done over the gruesome murder.