

Man electrocuted while trying to steal PHCN cable

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AWKA—TRAGEDY struck yesterday at Umugama, Umuchu in Aguata local government area of Anambra State when a middle-aged man was electrocuted while allegedly trying to steal armoured cables from one of the electric transformers located in the community.

The man, whose identity was still unknown at press time, was found pinned to the transformer by passers-by who raised alarm.

Community leaders had to contact the PHCN zonal office at Ekwulobia who arrived the scene immediately and removed the body to a mortuary.

Vanguard gathered that because of lack of power supply at night, the vandal seized the opportunity to

remove the cables and perhaps, while he was in the act that public power was restored and he was electrocuted. A large leather bag with various types of instruments was found near the transformer.

Officials of PHCN who were seen at the scene of the incident, declined

comment as they were busy trying to repair the damaged transformer.

Though the community has a vigilante outfit patrolling the area, the operators who spoke to newsmen, said they never imagined that somebody could be bold enough to go into the transformer to

vandalize it, despite the awareness created by the community leaders on the dangers of stealing PHCN cables.

Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, confirmed the incident and said investigation into the matter had commenced.

Fashola's wife calls for sustained efforts to eradicate polio

BY CHIOMA OBINNA

WIFE of Lagos State Governor, Mrs. Abimbola Fashola has appealed to parents and care givers to remain committed in ensuring that the state continued to remain polio free.

Flagging off the March 2012 National Immunization Plus Days,

NIPDs, Mrs Fashola explained that the goal of immunisation was to ensure that no child in the State was left unimmunised, irrespective of whether the child has received the vaccine before or not.

Fashola further explained that the objective could only be achieved by making sure that every

child that is 0 to five years old received two drops of oral polio vaccine.

The wife of the governor urged mothers, care givers and other stakeholders in the fight against polio to continue to demonstrate commitment to the future of their children by ensuring that they received necessary vaccinations as advised by health officials.