

Final year Poly student murdered in Imo

By Chidi Nkwopara

OWERRI—IMO State Police Command has arrested a three-man gang that gruesomely murdered 24-year-old final year civil engineering student of Federal Polytechnic, Nekede, Imo State, Innocent Ndukwe.

Speaking after parading the suspects before journalists yesterday in Owerri, the Commissioner of Police, CP, Mr. Taiwo Lakanu, disclosed that soon after slaughtering their hapless victim, the hoodlums stole his Pathfinder Sports Utility Vehicle with registration number, Lagos KRD 109 BP, two plasma television sets, one home theatre and assorted personal effects.

"Soon after getting credible information about the heinous act, the police control room quickly alerted operations of the command and they immediately searched the entire state.

"As a result, the assailants, who tried to escape the eagle-eyed operatives, were subsequently apprehended along West End-Old Nekede Road, Owerri, "the

CP said.

According to Mr. Lakanu, the late Ndukwe was found in a pool of his own blood in a toilet in his residence at 18 Enuwa Street, Egbu, in the Owerri North Local

Government Area.

He gave the names of the all-male suspects who later confessed to the crime as David Kwaguru, 30, from Sirwo in Langtang North Local

Government Area of Plateau State; Friday Ayuba, 28, a native of Keyelda in Jos North Local Government Area of Plateau State and Francis Amos, 23, a native of Pingali in Langtang South Local Government Area also in Plateau State.

The Imo police boss recalled that his initiative of directing Area Commanders, Divisional Police Officers, DPOs, and Heads of Departments, HODs, and other high ranking officers in the state to disseminate their phone numbers to members of the public for effective communication and intelligence gathering, had continued to yield fruits and assisted the Police in clamping down on the suspects.

Lakanu appealed to members of the public to be careful and circumspect in choosing the people they employed as security guards.

"Events have since proved that most security guards often turn against their masters by collaborating with criminals to deal with them," the CP said.

ABTU student electrocuted in Bauchi

By Suzan Edeh

BAUCHI—TRAGEDY struck yesterday at Gwallameji area of Bauchi State, following the electrocution of a 25-year-old student of Abubakar Tafawa Balewa University, Michael Loya.

Vanguard gathered that the student was electrocuted while trying to spread wet clothes on a naked wire in his compound at Gentle Villa, Gwallameji.

But Police Public Relation Officer of Bauchi State command, DSP Haruna Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, said Loya was electrocuted while trying to reconnect electricity illegally in his

compound.

He said the Police patrol team attached to Yelwa Division visited the scene and rushed the victim to Federal Polytechnic Medical Centre, Bauchi, for treatment but was certified dead on arrival by a medical doctor.

He stated further that preliminary inquiry revealed that the victim might have been electrocuted while trying to reconnect electricity illegally to his compound.

According to Mohammed, the corpse has been deposited at ATBU Teaching Hospital, mortuary for post-mortem examination.