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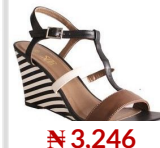
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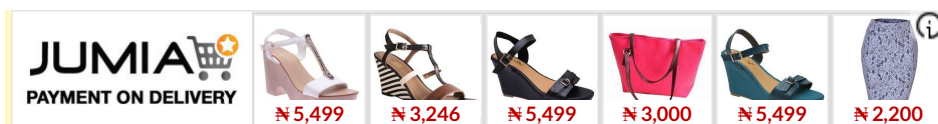

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By Ike Uchechukwu

CALABAR—A 25-year-old mechanic, identified as Okon, has been killed and his lifeless body dumped in a waste bin on White House Street, by Chamley in Calabar South.



Vanguard gathered that Okon, who resides at 25, [Webber](#) Street, also in Calabar South, was dumped in the waste bin in the early hours of yesterday, with blood still gushing out from the back of his head and hand.

An eyewitness, Mrs. Ogechi Ogbuji, who sells bean cake (*Akara*) near [the scene](#) of the incident, said when she came out for business early yesterday, she discovered that there was a body in the waste bin at [the junction](#).

She said: “When my husband and I came out this morning (yesterday) at about 6a.m., we discovered a body dumped in the waste, just metres away from where I fry *Akara*. Because the bin was filled, the body was dumped near the waste container.”

A [shop owner](#) at White House, by Chamley, identified as Friday, told *Vanguard* that the body must have been dumped in the early hours of yesterday, because he closed late the previous day.

When *Vanguard* visited the residence of [the deceased](#) at 25 Webber Street, the compound was quiet and deserted.

A tenant, who pleaded anonymity, told *Vanguard* that Okon, who was a mechanic, was allegedly beaten to death Sunday night by some group of boys.

According to him, Okon was trying to remove parts from the wreckage of a car abandoned in the area since last year.

He said: “I wonder why his own case was different. I want to believe that they had something against that young man because he is a very quiet person and can never hurt a fly.

“They were claiming that he was a thief, but was that enough to kill him?”

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