

two months pregnancy. Till now, other ailments.

## House, poultry burnt in Delta over death of man accused of stealing N350,000

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**K**WALE—THERE is tension in Kwale, headquarters of Ndokwa West Local Government Area, Delta State as a young man accused of stealing N350,000 was allegedly tortured to death by a member of Anti-Cult Volunteer Corp, a security outfit in the area.

The development, which caused pandemonium in the area, on Tuesday, heightened as the family house of the Anti-Cult Volunteer Corps member and a poultry belonging to the leader of the

corps in the state, Mr Austin Emu, were set ablaze by irate youths in a reprisal attack.

It was gathered that the corps member had arrested the deceased, who they alleged stole money from a man in the area.

"Instead of taking the boy to the police station, he took him to his house in Umusate quarter, tied him to a chair and beat him to death at about 2 am on Tuesday," a source, who craved anonymity said.

Another source said a case of theft was reported at the police station on May 3, 2019, adding that the Corp member had after the arrest "restrained" the deceased "with the intention of handing him over to the

police.

"Before he could do that, the boy started convulsing. He died in the hospital where he was rushed to for treatment. The man has been arrested by the police and he is being detained.

"Later, youths in the community mobilised and burnt their house and his poultry. The chickens, turkeys and pigs in the farm are all gone."

Efforts to get comments from the Police Public Relations Officer of the State Command, Onome Onovwakpoyeya, were abortive at press.