

How generator fumes killed FUTO students

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Imo State Police Command, yesterday, said that it had found out that discharging pipe of a generator set was positioned directly to the window side of the room where two out of three students, said to be of the Federal University of Technology, FUTO, Owerri, died after inhaling fumes from the generator set.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Orlando Ikeokwu, gave the names of the deceased as Udeagbala Kenekchukwu and Anele Stephen. Nkama Fred Eberchukwu was

resuscitated in hospital

The police said they found these out based on their preliminary investigation and that further investigation would be carried out on the matter.

"On the 4/3/21, at about 6 pm, upon a report received at the Divisional Police Hqrs, Nekede/Thiagwa, operatives moved to JABULANI HOSTEL, Eziofodo, and, met the three occupants of one of the rooms, identified as Nkama Fred Eberchukwu, m, 22, U d e a g b a l a Kenekchukwu, male, 21 and Anele Stephen, male, 21, all lying helplessly in the room," they said.

"The operatives broke

into the room and immediately evacuated them to the FEDERAL MEDICAL CENTRE OWERRI, where two of the victims were confirmed dead by the doctors on duty.

But NKAMA FRED EBERECHUKWU was revived and presently receiving treatment.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the victims, who have been identified as students of the Federal University of Technology (FUTO) Owerri, might have suffocated as a result of the fumes (carbon monoxide) which emanated from their power generating set, which they inhaled while sleeping.