

Mob sets suspected cultist on fire over murder of final year UNIUYO student

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UYO — A suspected cultist was burnt to death, yesterday, by a mob in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State, for alleged involvement in Sunday killing of Daniel Okon, a final year Computer Science student of the University of Uyo, UNIUYO.

The suspect, who suffered the jungle justice, with three gang members, who escaped the lynching were accused as masterminds of the door-to-door robbery on residents in the varsity town of Idak Okpo, Itam, in Itu Local Government Area of the state, which left the final year student dead.

Okon, who hailed from Oron LGA, was spending the weekend with his girlfriend in his 13, Ikpa Lane apartment when the hoodlums invaded the area early Sunday.

His neighbour, Sifon Ekere, narrated: "When the hoodlums shouted on him (the deceased student) to open his door, he refused. I think it was because of his girlfriend who came that Saturday night to spend the night that made him refused to open the door.

"The criminals broke into his apartment and shot him in the stomach. He struggled and fled into the thick night with the gunshot and collapsed at the back of the compound. The robbers took his phone as they left the scene.

"The deceased's landlord, Mr. Archibong Ebong's apartment and other tenants were also robbed. Whereabouts of the girlfriend of the deceased arrested by the Police, who responded to distressed calls about two hours late, is unknown.

"The life of the final year student could have been saved, but for late arrival of the tricyclist, who took the victim first to nearby UNIUYO clinic, where medics rejected him as he eventually died of loss of blood at the referral Anua General Hospital, Nwaniba, Uyo."

However, new state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Waheed Ayilara, has vowed to comb hideouts across the state to fish out all criminal elements and ensure peace in the state.