Suspected armed robber falls into well, dies as his gang raids students' hostel

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CALABAR— AN armed robbery suspect, identified by his nickname, Bob Jay, fell into an open well and died, Friday night, after he and other gang members raided a student hostel in the University of Cross River State, Unicross, Okuku campus.

The robbers, according to a student of the school, who gave her name as Regina, attacked students in their hostel at about midnight and carted away laptops, phones and money after the robbery, one of the hoodlums fell into an open well while trying to escape with their loot.

"There were many that came around midnight. They robbed all the students in the Okuku hostel. They stabbed one student, and broke the head of another with a stick before escaping with phones, laptops and other valuables," she told Vanguard on the phone.

She said the well was used by students to fetch water to bath and wash clothes and has no cover.

"Nobody knew that one of the robbers fell into the well until dawn. It was when students went to fetch water that they saw the man inside, dead. They raised alarm and the community people came and took him out and he was identified as one of the robbers and some people said his name is Bob Jay from Mbube, a neigbouring village"

She said the police were alerted and they came and took the body away. She said no other gang members had been identified yet since the robbers phone fished out of his picket was blur.