

Father of slain undergraduate demands justice

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BENIN CITY—THE family of 24-year-old Osasumwen Edobor, a Higher National Diploma, HND 1, Public Administration student of the Federal Polytechnic, Auchi, in Edo State, is calling on the Inspector General of Police, the police authorities and other security agencies to ensure justice for their son who, they alleged, was brutally beaten, resulting in his death, by some young people said to be at large, after they jointly played football together on the day of the incident.

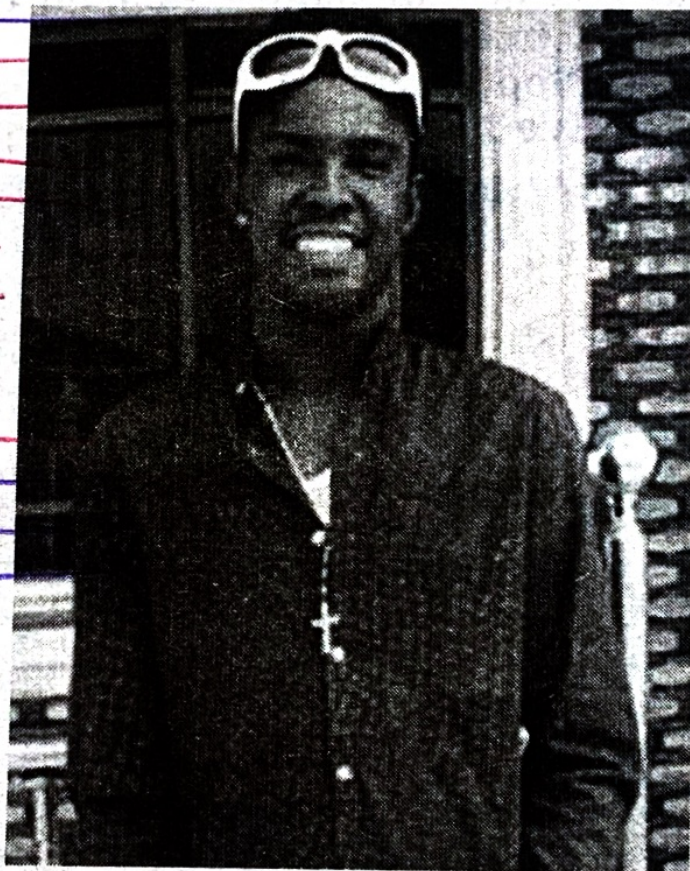
The incident reportedly happened on 17th April, 2024 between Goodie-Goodie and Ewuare under Power Line, Upper Sokponba Road, a suburb of Benin City.

Narrating the incident, the father of the deceased, Mr Christopher Edobor said on 17th of April, 2024, he received a phone call from Ugbekun police station that his son, Osasumwen was in a coma and needed urgent medical attention.

He said on arrival at the police station, "I met my son lying lifeless.

Investigation revealed that on the fateful day, an argument was said to have ensued between his son and a young man while playing football, which degenerated to fisticuffs."

The young man, who had a brawl with



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late Osasumwen according to him, was alleged to have through phone calls summoned his colleagues, numbering over thirty.

The youths armed with planks and dangerous weapons were said to have descended on Osasumwen, inflicted various degrees of injuries and left him unconscious.

Mr Edobor said his son was confirmed dead on arrival at the hospital.

Men of Ugbekun police station were said to have gone into action and raided the homes of those, who brutalised and beat Osasumwen to death but no arrest has been made as the perpetrators are at large.

Checks at the office of the Police Public Relations Officer headed by Yamu Moses indicated that the file was sent to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for "further and more thorough" investigation.

Yamu Moses promised to find out the state of the case later and that investigation was not closed.