

Gunmen kill final year student of Akwa Poly

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UYO—GUNMEN suspected to be cultist, yesterday killed a Higher National Diploma, HND 2, student of Akwa Ibom State Polytechnic, Ikot Osurua, simply identified as Prince in his room.

Prince, a final year Computer Science student was allegedly shot dead about 1a.m., in his residence on Abuja Street, Ikot Osurua community.

It was gathered that the victim, who was

attacked in the presence of his girlfriend had completed his final year exams and was preparing to defend his project.

A neighbour who spoke to newsmen in confidence disclosed that the gunmen stormed the compound, moved straight to Prince's room and shot him in the abdomen, leaving him in the pool of his blood.

According to the source, after the gunmen left the area, the victim's girlfriend raised the alarm which attracted neighbours to his room who rushed him to hospital.

"But the gunmen didn't steal anything from their victim's room. They didn't rob

anybody in the compound, they just shot him and escaped. He was very popular in the neighbourhood and a strong member of choral group in his church. We were shocked the way he died."

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Akwa Ibom State command, Timfon John noted that there were robbery and cult operations in the area.

She said: "Information at our disposal is that there were robbery and cult operations in the area. They invaded and robbed where they shot somebody who was later identified as a student, but investigation is ongoing."