

Two suspects arrested over alleged rape, murder of nursing student



Two suspects allegedly linked to the rape and killing of a female student of the College of Nursing Sciences, Umulogho, Obowo Local Government Area, **Imo State** have been arrested.

They were also said to have confessed to the crime during interrogation.

Security sources disclosed that the arrests followed investigations launched after the victim's lifeless body was discovered in her apartment; an incident that sparked outrage within Umulogho community and beyond.

It was gathered that one of the suspects, identified as Onyema Okonkwo, said to be a vulcanizer in the area, allegedly struck the victim on the head with a stick, while another suspect identified simply as Emma allegedly slit her throat.

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According to reports, the suspects allegedly admitted to raping the student before killing her after she reportedly recognised them.

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“The suspects confessed that after the victim identified them, Onyema Okonkwo allegedly hit her on the head with a stick, while Emma reportedly slit her throat in an attempt to conceal their identities and escape arrest,” a security source was quoted as saying.

The arrest of the suspects was reportedly aided by community youths led by Chidiebere Iweajunwa, working alongside security agencies, leading to what residents described as a major breakthrough in the investigation.

The gruesome development has thrown students of the institution, residents of Umulogho and the wider Obowo community into mourning, with growing demands for justice and speedy prosecution of those involved.

Community members and youth groups, led by Chidebere, condemned the incident, insisting that “those responsible must face the full wrath of the law.”