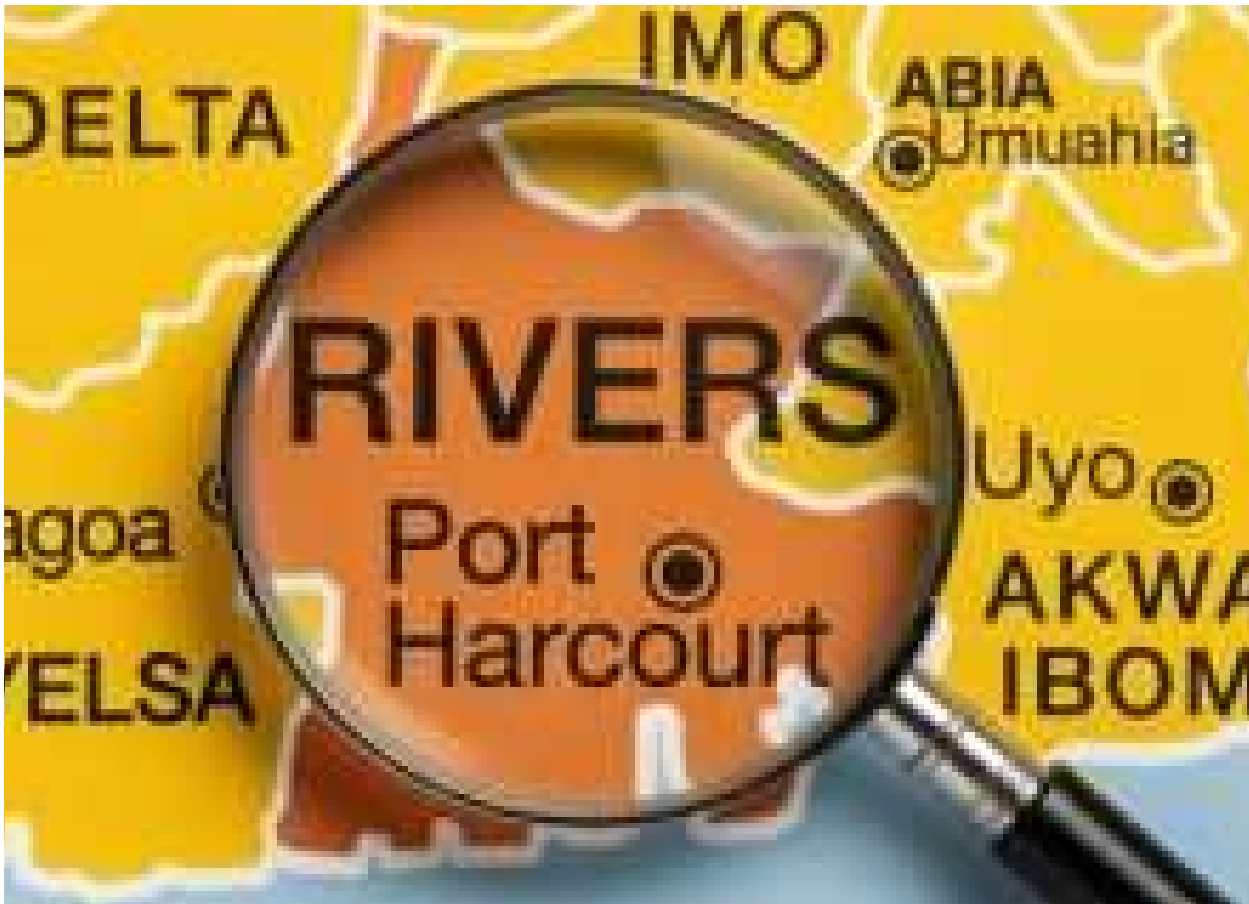


Rivers police nab murder suspect, recover buried victim

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The Rivers State Police Command has arrested a 29-year-old suspect, Robinson Uche, in connection with the alleged murder of 42-year-old Shedrack Ogadinma Chukwem, in a case that has taken a disturbing turn.

Police authorities disclosed that the suspect was apprehended following sustained intelligence-led operations, with investigators linking him and four others still at large to the crime.

According to the command's spokesperson, Grace Iringe-Koko, the suspect was tracked and arrested in the early hours of March 6 by operatives of the Anti-Cultism Unit in Emuoha.

During interrogation, Uche reportedly confessed to taking part in the killing, which occurred on December 17, 2025, in Igbo-Etche area of the state. He told investigators that he and his accomplices were allegedly contracted to bring the victim to a palace linked to a traditional ruler.

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The operation, however, turned violent after the victim resisted being taken, leading to a confrontation in which the assailants allegedly opened fire. “The suspect further stated that in the course of the encounter, the group shot the deceased, resulting in his death,” the police said.

Following the incident, the suspects were said to have disposed of the body in a shallow grave in a bush at Ekerre-Ugbor. Acting on the confession, police operatives visited the location, exhumed the remains, and deposited them at a military hospital mortuary for autopsy.

The Commissioner of Police, Olugbenga Adepaju, has assured residents that efforts are ongoing to arrest the fleeing suspects, including the monarch alleged to have orchestrated the act, stressing that all those involved will be brought to justice.