

How Delta forestry personnel, suspect drown in abandoned well during chase



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THE Delta State Police Command, has confirmed the death of a personnel of Nigeria Forestry and Security Service and one other person who fell into an abandoned open well in an uncompleted building site and drowned.

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The Command said the incident occurred on Thursday along Delta State Polytechnic, Ogwashi-Uku road, Aniocha South Local Government Area of the state during a joint patrol of police operatives and personnel of Nigeria Forestry and Security Service.

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“On sighting the team, the two men took to their heels which necessitated a chase from the forest officers who were part of the patrol team. Upon noticing that they were closing in on them, Adama Augustine jumped into an uncompleted building.

“One of the Forest officers continued chasing him but sadly, in the process, both Agama Augustine and the Forest officer fell into an abandoned open well inside an uncompleted building site and drowned. They were rescued and rushed to Ogwashi General Hospital but were confirmed dead by the doctor on duty. Their bodies are now at the hospital morgue awaiting autopsy.

“This is a very painful and tragic accident. The Command expresses deep condolences to the family of Mr. Eze Ifeanyi, and his colleagues in the Nigeria Forestry and Security Service and the family of the late Adama Augustine.

“We mourn with all those affected by this calamity. We want to make it very clear that no shooting took place. Nobody was killed by the police.

“An investigation has already commenced. The Command reassures the people of Ogwashi-Uku and Delta State of its commitment to the safety of all residents and urges everyone to remain calm and disregard rumours.”