

# Man evading police drowns in Rivers

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A middle-aged man yesterday drowned in a swamp while trying to evade police arrest at Rumuigbo area of Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The man has been identified as an artisan working on a building construction site.

It was learnt that the man was evading arrest by a police officer invited by a resident who was not happy with the contractor handling the building project.

A witness said the resident was aggrieved that the contractor used sand

to block the entrance to his apartment, prompting the invitation of the police to arrest the site workers.

The witness said, "It was a terrible experience. I saw the policeman chasing the young man who ran into the swampy water. The policeman was telling him to come out or he would be shot.

"The victim, out of fear, advanced deeper into the swampy water and got stuck. He was shouting and calling on people to rescue him until he drowned."

When contacted, the spokesperson of police in the state, Nnamdi Omoni, said he was yet to be briefed about the incident.