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THREE persons suspected to be responsible for the death of **18-year-old Adiyetu Tijani** of **Iga-Okpaya**, in **Apa Local Council of Benue State**, have been arrested by the police.

Eyewitnesses told The Guardian that the deceased was sent to the farm by her mother on July 18, to fetch some crops, but she was allegedly attacked, murdered and buried in a shallow grave by unknown persons.

Sources further intimated that when Adiyetu failed to return home from the farm, members of the family raised an alarm and the community dispatched a search team, which went to the farm. On reaching there, the team discovered that she was killed and buried.

The search team subsequently, exhumed the corpse and deposited it at the General Hospital in Ugbokpo, while the police have begun investigation into the alleged killing.

Confirming the development, the Otukpo Police Area Commander, Mr. Samuel Darakoji, said the Apa Command has been charged to properly investigate the incident and urged the public to avail them with useful information.

But the state Police Public Relations Officer, Daniel Ezeala while confirming the incident said three persons had been arrested in connection with the murder of the girl and are facing interrogation at the state Criminal Investigation Department, in Makurdi.

Reacting, the Council Chairman, Mr. Owoicho Oyih, who expressed shock at the incident, said the council will collaborate with the police in ensuring that a proper investigation is carried out so as to bring the perpetrators.

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