

Student drowns in hotel swimming pool

A 100-LEVEL political science/public administration student of the University of Uyo (UNIUYO), Akwa Ibom State, Kingsley Etim, has drowned in a hotel swimming pool. The incident occurred at about 9:00p.m. on Saturday at De Vegas Paradise hotel during a pool party.

An eyewitness who pleaded anonymity said the deceased was found when one of his colleagues spotted someone in the pool when others have left the water for other recreation activities. "When I was leaving with my friends to catch up with time before they lock our hostel, we heard someone had drowned in the pool. I was shocked because there was no sign of such and everyone had left the pool a long time before then.

"No one noticed he was drowned. Maybe because it was already dark and there was loud music. When he was brought out, people tried to revive him but it was all in vain" she said.

It was gathered that the deceased was later rushed to the University of Uyo Health Centre, where he was confirmed dead.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Akwa Ibom, Supol Odiko Mcdon, confirmed the incident, describing it as unfortunate. He said the police have commenced preliminary investigation into the matter to unravel more facts concerning the incident, as the police have not foreclosed any foul play.

Mcdon said the body has been deposited at an undisclosed mortuary as investigations continue to establish more facts.