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THE Akwa Ibom State Police Command has arrested one 20-year-old Uduak Frank Akpan for allegedly kidnapping and killing one Miss Iniobong Umoren in the guise of giving her a job.

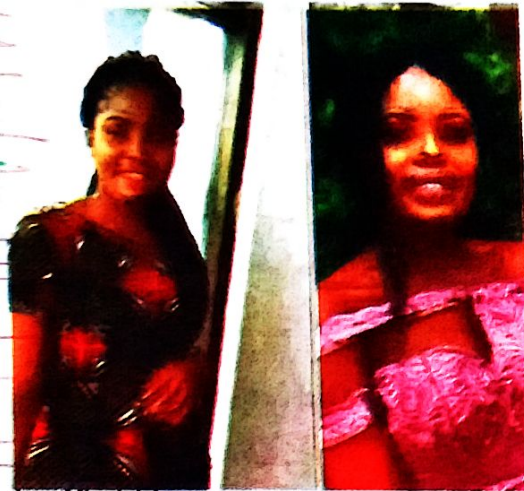
The state police spokesman, Odiko MacDon, disclosed this at the state headquarters yesterday.

The suspect confessed to luring his victim to his house in the guise of giving her a job, but ended up sexually and physically assaulting her, which led to her death.

To cover up his tracks, he allegedly dragged and buried her in a shallow grave in his father's compound.

Odiko said the suspect is a serial rapist, who had owned up to raping other victims in the past.

Killer of graduate job seeker arrested



Late Miss Iniobong

"The suspect confessed to have told his local government chairman of his atrocities before escaping to Calabar and was never handed over to the police by anyone," MacDon.

The local government chairman of Uruan Local Government Area, Iniobong Ekpenyoin, told *The Guardian* on telephone that he was the one that handed the suspect to the DPO of Uran.

"The late Iniobong Umoren, a graduate of Philosophy, was invited for 'a job interview' on Thursday, April 29, 2021. She went for it at an undisclosed location on the Airport Road in the outskirts of Uyo. About two hours later, she reportedly made a frantic phone call where she was heard screaming before

the call was abruptly ended.

"Her phone line has been switched off ever since. Soon after, the social media went viral with her story. The suspect was alleged to have taken the late Miss Umoren to his house where an argument ensued and in the process, he used an object to hit her on the head, resulting in her death," he said.

He was alleged to have hurriedly buried her in a shallow grave and ran to Oron to hide.

The Commissioner of Police, CP Amienghene Andrew, has called on youths and job seekers to be wary of the activities of scammers and other men of the underworld.