

Imo gas plant attendants allegedly kill 22-year-old colleague

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AN accounting officer in a gas plant located at Imo State, Miss Joy Uchechi Nwachukwu, 22, has allegedly been killed by her colleagues over an attempt to steal the company's money.

The victim was allegedly killed by the suspects with a shovel and the corpse buried in a shallow grave within the premises of the gas plant, located at Toronto/Road Safety Road, MCC Owerri.

The Guardian learnt that the crime, which took place on Monday, October 24, was uncovered after the victim's family raised the alarm concerning Nwachukwu's whereabouts.

The alarm was raised after she failed to return home from work at the end of the day and her colleagues' inability to give an accurate account of her whereabouts.



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The family members led by one Pastor Mrs. Precious Abara reported the case to the state's Police Command and officers were detailed to commence investigation.

It was during the investigation that the police discovered the grave and exhumed the corpse.

MEANWHILE, two suspects, including the manager (name withheld), have been arrested and are

currently being interrogated over the crime.

A family source said: "The suspects killed her because they wanted to collect all the money made from sales in the company since last week. We understand she normally makes deposits into the company's bank account every Tuesday, being the accountant of the company."

When contacted, spokesperson for the state's Police Command, Michael Abattam confirmed the incident, stressing that the Command was still investigating it with a view to charging the suspects to court. "Already, two suspects in connection with the gruesome murder of the victim have been arrested and two others are still at large, while efforts are on towards arresting the fleeing suspects. Suspects will be charged to court after investigation," Abattam said.