

Girl Found Dead Near River In Owerri

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Crack detectives from the Homicide Department of the Imo State command of the Nigeria Police have been ordered to get to the root of the discovery of the body of a young girl near Nworie River in Amakohia area of Owerri, the state capital.

Sources told *Daily Independent* that the corpse of the young girl was found by passers-by in the early hours of Tuesday morning lying at the bank of the river, with just a wrapper barely covering her nakedness.

According to police sources, the incident was the first in the area separating the Federal Housing Estate, Egbeada in Mbaitoli Local Government Area from Amakohia in Owerrin North Council.

Speculations were rife that the girl was murdered by unknown persons and thrown into the river in the night, after cutting off some of her vital parts.

But other sources insisted that the Federal Housing Estate Road, which links up the Orlu Road with the busy Onitsha expressway is always aglow until very late in the night and that the presence of armed soldiers keeping watch over the estate made such an act almost impossible in the area.

The conflicting reports about the bizarre discovery has fuelled the police determination to quickly wrap up the matter so that residents of the area can continue to live without further fear of molestations or attack.