

THREE-YEAR-OLD GIRL DROWNS IN BUCKET AT SCHOOL

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Detectives of the Edo State police Command have since Thursday been working round the clock, trying to unravel how a three-year-old girl got drowned in a bucket of water in the school she attends while trying to ease herself in the toilet.

Reports had it that the incident happened on Thursday afternoon when the girl identified as Imiefan Omokaro was found dead in the toilet of her school, Kingdom Heritage Model School, located along Sapele road, Benin City.

The little girl, according to the report, was said to have fallen into a bucket filled with water where she got drowned.

It was also learnt that a teacher who found her in the toilet raised alarm and the girl was taken to the Winners Chapel Church, owners of the school, where pastors engaged in prayers to revive her.

When the mother of the child came to the school to pick her daughter, it was also revealed, she was informed by a teacher that they were looking for the child and unknown to the mother, the daughter had been taken to the hospital two hours after the incident, where a nurse on duty reportedly confirmed her dead.

Speaking to journalists, the father of the girl, Mr. Jolly Omokaro said he dropped his daughter at school on Thursday morning hale and hearty and was surprised that the school authorities could not tell him what happened to his daughter.

Omokaro said that his wife called him at about 3:45 to inform him that their daughter was missing and when he got to the school, he was asked to go to the hospital where he saw his child stone dead.

According to him, "When I dropped my daughter in school, she said I should come and pick her up so that I can buy her chocolate but I can't see my daughter now.

"The hospital said my child was brought in dead and until now, nobody has told me what happened to my baby.

"I can't bring a baby to school and they expect me to collect a lifeless baby. It is their responsibility to tell me what happened to my baby," Omokaro declared.

Speaking in tears, mother of the child, Mrs. Osarogue Omokaro said, "I went to the school and asked where is my love. Nobody answered me. I asked the aunty, she told me that my daughter went to the toilet."

Meanwhile, policemen from Etete Police Station have arrested a class teacher and two nannies of the

school where the matter was reported in connection with the incident.