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Man Choked To Death At Fuel Station In Delta

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TRAGEDY struck at a popular filling station around the garage area of Warri in Delta state, Tuesday, when a middle-aged man identified as Okechukwu Okoyo who went underground to bail water from the under surface leaking tank of the station was choked to death by gas emission in the airtight confinement.

Late Okechukwu who hails from Enugu state was the car wheel balancing/alignment attendant attached to the fuel station lubrication department until his untimely death.

The incident occurred around 5-6pm in the evening and was said to have been brought out and taken straight to the Warri Central Hospital morgue by his brother, whom some called "Prince" at the filling station while at the mortuary his name was given as Mr. Ene Chidiebere.

Meanwhile, Inspector Emma of the "A" Division Police Headquarters is said to be in-charge of the matter by hospital sources.

The former Taxaco filling station now known as MRS filling station is usually over flooded any time it rains while the operators employing the services of water pumping machine to drain off the flood water into the ever busy Warri/Sapele road drainage.

Daily Independent learnt that operators of the station were reluctant in letting the police get involved in the matter as they were said to be willing to settle same with the deceased family amicably, even as it was learnt that Mr. Ene initially declined to handover the mortuary card to the police.

Efforts to speak with the station manager proved abortive as he was said not to be available when Daily Independent visited.

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