

Four held over alleged rape, death of woman

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FOUR middle aged men are now helping the police in Abia State on their alleged involvement in the rape and eventual death of a 75-year old woman in Ajata Ibeku, of Umuahia Local Government Area.

The suspected rapists who are currently being detained and questioned over the incident at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), in Umuahia, were alleged to have committed the offence in March this year.

According to the Assistant Commissioner of Police, SCID, Mr. Boniface Onyeabor, the late victim, Mrs Oreji Ike, was raped by six young men on a bush path on her way home after she was discharge from a private clinic.

Onyeabor, said the late Mrs Ike was admitted at the private clinic by her family members.

Two days after her admission, the family members came looking for her only to be told that she had been discharged.

Confused, the family member then commenced a search party and it was during the search that her head tie was seen somewhere along the bush path. He said a further search revealed a fresh grave where the late Ike's already decomposing body was discovered.

The Assistant Police Commissioner disclosed that upon the discovery, the police swooped into action by arresting the village Head of Ajata Community. His arrest eventually led to the arrest of the four suspects.

He maintained that the four suspects have made confessional statements on their roles on how they raped the late octogenarian to death.