

Police probe drowning of 11-year-old boy

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Edo North Area Command of the Police has stepped up investigations into the circumstances surrounding the mysterious drowning of an 11-year-old school boy at Iraokhor Village in Etsako Central Local Government Area of the state.

The deceased, Chinoso Okorie, was said to be fetching water from a well outside the compound penultimate Saturday with his 17-year-old foster brother when the incident occurred.

It was gathered that the teenager (name withheld) who was fetching water with the deceased disappeared soon after the incident and had not been seen as at the time of this report.

Concerned neighbours were said to have immediately rescued the drowned boy who died later before he could receive medical attention.

The late Chinoso, whose body had been deposited in a morgue, was said to be holidaying at Iraokhor from Auchi with his elder sister until the incident.

Husband of the deceased's sister, who gave his name as Okechukwu Okoroafor, told our correspondent he was away when the unfortunate incident occurred.

He added that he had warned the boy (deceased) not to go near the well before leaving home.

It was also revealed that the 17-year -old now at large is a brother to a concubine of Okoroafor, a relationship his father-in-law vehemently denied.

Although, no arrest has been made, the landlord of the house is being questioned and helping the police in their investigations.

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