

Police exhume body of Law student killed by suspected cultists

THE Abia State Police Command has ordered that the body of a fourth year Law student of the state university, Uturu, Obinna Awa Obasi be exhumed.

The student was allegedly killed by suspected cult members and buried in a shallow grave in Uturu.

His father who is said to be a lawyer in Umuahia, the state capital, reported the case of a missing person to the police.

He was also said to have got a hint from a friend of the deceased on where his son's was buried.

The officer in-charge of the State Criminal Investigation Department (CID) at the police command, Mr. Patrick Garba, an Assistant Com-

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missioner of Police (ACP), confirmed the development.

He said a team of policemen had been despatched to exhume the body somewhere in Uturu for autopsy.

Garba said the police were initially working on the case of a missing person but discovered that Obasi might have been killed by a cult group in the university.

The police, it was learnt, may have been working on the theory that the late undergraduate was fatally injured when he was being initiated into a cult group.

The Nation learnt that the late student's body might have been hurriedly buried by the suspected cult mem-

bers to cover up the act.

The CID chief said key suspects, who have reportedly confessed to taking part in the act, had been arrested.

The suspects are in police custody.

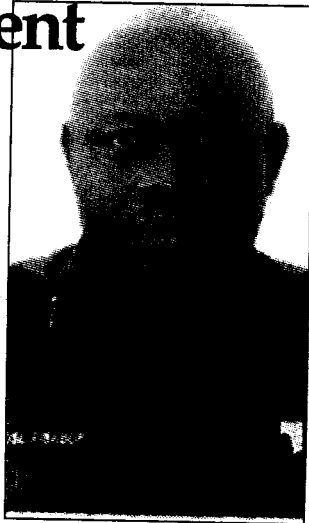
Garba said his men have exhumed Obasi's body.

He promised that the police would dig deep in their investigation to unravel the mystery behind the death of the Law student.

Police Commissioner Ambrose Aisabor confirmed the incident.

Aisabor said: "My men have taken some people to the place. As I am talking to you, my men are at the location of the shallow grave to exhume the body. They left about one hour ago.

"My men have arrested



• Aisabor

some suspects who have taken them to where the late fourth year Law student was said to have been buried in a shallow grave. The body will be exhumed for autopsy."