

Two UNIBEN undergraduates arrested over student's drowning

THE drowning of a final-year student of the Department of Chemistry, University of Benin (UNIBEN), Francis Aniude, 23, has led to the arrest of two undergraduates of the institution by the police.

Those arrested were Samson Kennedy, a 200-Level, Biochemistry student and Wilfred Emmanuel, 500 Level, Optometry.

Our reporter gathered yesterday that the drowning occurred at Ekosodin River, beside the Ugbowo main campus of the university.

The arrested students, who were neighbours of Aniude, invited the victim to Ekosodin river for sightseeing on June 29, where he drowned and his body was recovered by local divers in the community on July 1.

The blood on Aniude's lips and peeled skin on his neck raised suspicion by his family members and relatives, who

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demanding an autopsy.

Edo Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Chidi Nwabuzor, who confirmed the incident, stated that the suspects were arrested to help the police in their investigation.

He said: "The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Ugbowo, and his men, led a team of local divers to the scene of the incident. Luckily, they were able to recover the body. The case has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for further investigation.

"Two persons were arrested, because they went together to Ekosodin River to swim, when the ugly incident occurred."

Nwabuzor assured that men of the command would unravel the circumstances that led to the drowning of Aniude, while urging members of his family, relatives and friends to remain calm.