

3 drown in Osun River while chasing suspected rapist

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THREE persons, on Wednesday, drowned in Osun River while pursuing a 28-year-old man, identified as Toheeb Agbaje, who allegedly attempted to rape a 15-year-old girl at Dada Estate, in Osogbo, Osun State.

Sunday Tribune authoritatively gathered that the father of the victim of attempted rape was also

among the three persons that drowned in the river.

The development, which heightened tension in Dada Estate area, Osogbo, was said to have occurred around 2.40p.m., when Agbaje made frantic attempt to have carnal knowledge of the girl.

Credible security source informed **Sunday Tribune** that the police received information on Wednesday at about 3p.m. that the suspect of No 28

Alekuwodo area, attempted to rape a minor.

He reportedly attempted to commit the offence near Osun river at Zone 10 area of Dada Estate when the victim raised the alarm.

Agbaje was said to have jumped into the river and swum across it to the opposite side of the river.

Sensing that the suspect might escape, the father of the victim and two other men of Zone 10 area behind Capital Hotel, whose names

were yet to be ascertained, jumped into the river in pursuit of the suspect but did not resurface or come out of the river after the chase.

Police detectives, led by the Divisional Police Officer, Ataoja Division immediately went to the scene where the suspect was later arrested.

Fire service personnel were also contacted but the men could not be rescued due to the high tide of the river, while the search was

continued by the rescue police team.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Folasade Odoro hinted that the Osun State Commissioner of Police, Dorothy Gimba had directed that the search of

the victims should continue.

She said investigation into the incident was ongoing, urging all concerned parties to be calm and not to take the law into their hands, as police would intensify effort to unravel all circumstances surrounding the act.

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