

② Police recover body of murdered tricycle rider in Anambra, nab alleged killer

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THE police in Anambra State have arrested one Mr Chizoba Nwoye (29) for the alleged murder of a tricycle operator, popularly known as Keke Napep, Dumebi Oforkansi (25).

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Haruna Mohammed, in a statement made available to newsmen in Awka, on Thursday, said the body of the victim, which was buried inside a bush, was recover, while an accomplice to the murder had been declared wanted.

While recalling what happened, Mohammed said: "On October 2, the tricycle rider, Dumebi Oforkansi, was at work when he was kidnapped and taken away with his tricycle.

"Following the report, police operatives attached to the command's State Intelligence Bureau (SIB) swung into action and arrested Chizoba Nwoye, who confessed

that he and one Ezennia Nweke a.k.a Abada (25) conspired to killed the victim and steal his tricycle.

"He said after committing the crime, his body was buried inside the bush along Achalla-agu Nando Road, while his tricycle was taken away..

"Consequently, the suspect led a team of police detectives to the scene where the victim was buried in a shallow grave and his decomposing body was exhumed and certified by a medical doctor in the presence of the deceased parents, who equally identified the clothes he wore on the day he disappeared.

"Thereafter, the body was photographed and released to the father for proper burial."

The police spokesperson said the deceased's tricycle was later recovered from one Anthony Charles (27), who had also been arrested, while efforts were ongoing towards arresting the other accomplice, Nweke.