

## NEWS

# ~~X~~Police arrest pastor, one other over girl's murder in Delta

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**T**HE police in Agbor, Delta State have arrested a pastor in connection with the alleged gruesome murder of a 13-year old girl whose heart was ripped open and other vital organs removed. It was a gory site to behold as the remains of the girl, Miracle Nwafor which was dumped close to the Central Hospital Agbor, were being removed by the police.

Saturday Tribune learnt that the victim and her mother, a petty trader were members of the pastor's church along Board road in Boji Agbor.

According to report, the pastor (name withheld) had on the fateful day decided to 'help' the girl after the evening service by calling for a motorcycle that would convey her home.

After waiting endlessly without seeing the girl at home, the mother was said to have gone to the man of

God, inquiring about her child.

The cleric who did not deny putting the girl on okada tried to pacify the troubled woman to be patient believing that the child was safe.

It was further learnt that the motor cyclist was later arrested by the police and during interrogation, implicated the pastor as the prime suspect.

The suspects later led detectives to the spot where the girl's mutilated body was

dumped at the back of state School of Nursing, by Central Hospital, Uphill, in the town.

Confirming the story on Friday, the state police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, said the pastor and another member of the church have been arrested.

"We have arrested the pastor of the church and one other suspect who is a member of the church, whether the other person is the okada man or not I can't confirm for now" Edafe said.

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