

21-year-old varsity student found dead inside swimming pool in Bayelsa

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A 200-level student of the Department of Mathematics in the Federal University, Otuoke, Bright Akhere, has been found dead inside a swimming pool at an events centre in Otuoke community in Ogbia Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

Sources said the 21-year-old student followed his friends to the events centre for a swimming exercise in the evening of April 24, but that his friends left the pool at about 5:00p.m. without him.

It was further gathered that his friends, who are currently on the run, didn't make any effort to find out his whereabouts before leaving the events centre where his lifeless body was later found in the evening of the following day.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer,

Asinim Butswat, in a statement explained that "on April 25, at about 8:00p.m., the command got a report that a corpse was found floating in a swimming pool at a popular events centre in Otuoke, Ogbia Local Government Area.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that the deceased, Bright Akhere (21), a student of the Department of Mathematics at the Federal University Otuoke, was with his friends at the swimming pool the previous evening, April 24 and the friends left the pool at about 5:00p.m.

"A team of operatives visited the scene and evacuated the corpse to the mortuary for autopsy. Police are on the trail of the friends who are now at large.

"Investigation is ongoing to unravel the circumstances surrounding the suspected drowning of the student."