

DELSU final-year law student drowns, SUG demands probe

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Colleagues of the victim protesting the death

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A final-year law student of the Delta State University, Oleh campus, Jeffery Omatseyi, has drowned in Graceland Hotel swimming pool, Irri, in the Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident, which occurred on Friday, threw the university community into mourning.

It was learnt that students from the law faculty of the varsity on Saturday held a candlelight procession for the deceased.

While expressing pain over the sudden death of the student, the President of Student Union Government of DELSU Oleh campus, O. Innocent, demanded investigation into the incident.

He maintained that the accounts of the hotel management and the police on the tragedy were conflicting, adding that an Ijaw indigene could not have died in a swimming pool of two feet.

Innocent said, “We want to know how our colleague died. Jeffery is to graduate in a few weeks’ time, but suddenly lost his life in a hotel swimming pool. All students should stay away from that hotel.”

Also speaking, a 500-level law student of the school, Emeni Fidel, said, “Jeffery was a friend and was popular among the students. The circumstances surrounding his death are not known, which is why justice must be done.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident.

She said, “Yes, a young boy, who they later found out to be a student, died at the swimming pool.

“They said he came to swim and unfortunately drowned in the pool. By the time he was rushed to a hospital, a doctor confirmed him dead.”

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