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Decomposing body of NDU undergraduate killed by soldier boyfriend uncovered

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THE Bayelsa State Police Command says it has recovered the decomposing body of one Jennifer Ugadu, a 200-level undergraduate of the state-owned Niger Delta University.

This was contained in a statement on Tuesday titled, 'Death of a university undergraduate at Amassoma', by the spokesperson for the command, Asinin Butswat.

Butswat said the body was discovered on Tuesday, adding that the victim was allegedly killed by her boyfriend, identified as James Matol, who is said to be a soldier.

The statement read in part, "The police have recovered the decomposing corpse of one Jennifer Ugadu, 23, a 200-level student of the Faculty of Education at the Niger Delta University, Wilberforce Island, Amassoma, Southern Ijaw Local Government Area of Bayelsa State.

"The deceased's body was discovered on Tuesday, July 13, 2021, after one of her friends stumbled on a chat, where the deceased's boyfriend admitted to killing her and threatened to commit suicide.

"Preliminary investigation reveals that the deceased was shot in her apartment by her boyfriend, one James Matol, who is allegedly a member of the Nigerian Army. Investigations also reveal that

Ex-Kaduna gov re-arraigned over alleged poll cash

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THE Economic and Financial Crimes Commission, on Tuesday, re-arraigned a former governor of Kaduna State, Muktar Yero, before Justice M. G. Umar of the Federal High Court, Kaduna, on eight amended charges bordering on money laundering.

Yero is being prosecuted alongside a former Minister of State for Power, Nuhu Way; former Secretary to the Kaduna State Government, Ishaq Hamsa; and a former Chairman of the Peoples Democratic Party in the state, Haruna Gaiya, for their alleged involvement in the sharing of N700m provided by a former Minister of Petroleum Resources, Diezani Alison-Madueke, to influence the outcome of the 2015 presidential election.

According to a statement on Tuesday by the EFCC spokesman,

the deceased was last seen with the boyfriend on Sunday, July 11, 2021."

It added that the Commissioner of Police, Mike Okoli, had ordered an investigation into the incident.

Wilson Uwujaren, their re-arraignment followed the transfer of the former trial judge, Justice Zainab Abubakar, to another division of the Federal High Court.

When the case was mentioned, the prosecuting counsel, Nasiru Salele, told the court that the case was for re-arraignment of the defendants and urged the court to ask them to take their pleas.

The defence counsel did not object to this.

The statement read in part, "The eight counts were read to the defendants and they all pleaded not guilty. In view of their pleas, the prosecuting counsel asked the court to fix a date for trial.

"But the defence counsel drew the attention of the court to the previous bail granted the defendants, asking that the status quo be sustained, which the prosecution counsel did not