

Police investigate death of teenager electrocuted in Ogun

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THE Ogun State Police Command has launched an investigation into the death of a 15-year-old girl (name withheld) who was allegedly electrocuted in Olomore Housing Estate in Abeokuta, the state capital.

PUNCH Metro had earlier reported that the incident happened at around 11.50pm on Sunday when

she was attempting to fetch water from a well in the estate.

The teenage girl, it was learnt, had left to fetch water when there was no power supply in the compound. However, in the process of fetching the water from the well, the power supply was unexpectedly restored.

Unbeknownst to her, there was a naked cable placed inside the well where she was fetching water from. The



• Ogun PPRO, Odutola

teenager had contact with the said cable and was jolted immediately after the power

supply was restored.

Contacted for confirmation on Monday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Omolola Odutola, said the girl was confirmed dead by a doctor on duty at a hospital, adding that an investigation to unravel the negligence behind the incident had commenced.

In a WhatsApp message sent to our correspondent, Odutola said, "A case of electrocution was reported to

the Divisional Police Officer of Lafenwa by one Onyekachi Silas "M" at Olomore Housing Estate.

"Onyekachi narrated to the DPO that his younger brother, through a phone he received on that 31/3/24 at about 23:50, that one (name withheld) "F" 15 years, who is also the brother's wife's younger sister, is living with them.

"He further stated that

there was a power outage in the house, and she went to the well to fetch water. In the process of fetching water, power was restored. She was tragically electrocuted by a naked cable of the pumping machine placed inside the well.

"She was rushed to the hospital, where the doctor on duty confirmed her death. The investigation has commenced, and the corpse has been deposited at the Oke Lantoro morgue."