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## Police probe girlfriend's killing by man in A'Ibom

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THE Akwa Ibom State Police Command said it had commenced an investigation into the murder of a girl allegedly by her lover in Uyo, Akwa Ibom State.

The Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Timfon John, who confirmed the incident, said, "The suspect has been arrested and the command has commenced investigation into the murder already and in the next couple of days, we will unravel the matter."

Residents of Atiku Abubakar Way, in the Uyo metropolis, woke up early Tuesday morning to behold the tragic incident involving the alleged murder of a girl (name withheld) by her lover simply identified as Elisha, a 25-year-old man

PUNCH Metro gathered that the incident happened at about 7 am in a residential compound near the popular Beaulah International Nursery and Primary Schools along Atiku Abubakar Way.

Though the reason for the dastardly act could not be ascertained as of press time, our correspondent learnt that the tragic incident took residents of the environs by surprise as a crowd of sympathisers thronged the scene blocking the double lanes and impeding the free flow of traffic.

When our correspondent visited the scene on Tuesday, it was observed that the corpse of the

victim and the suspected killer had already been taken to the police headquarters at Ikot Akpan Abia, while armed policemen were seen trying to calm down the situation.

A source, who pleaded anonymity because he was not authorised to speak with the media, told our correspondent that the unfortunate incident happened when the suspect, who lives in the compound, came home with his girlfriend said to be a nurse.

The source added that they got into the room and a few minutes later, they were heard beating each other as both of them were struggling.

"An aged woman in the compound on hearing the shouts went and advised the boy to stop the beating but he refused. Since we couldn't do anything, we called the father who lived away from the area to come and control the situation.

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