

# Varsity student drowns in Bayelsa creek over N300 bet

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A 200-level Chemical Engineering student of the Federal University, Otuoke, has reportedly drowned at the Ekoli Creek in Yenagoa over an N300 bet.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident occurred on Sunday morning, but the corpse had yet to be recovered, just as the name of the deceased remained unknown.

PUNCH Metro gathered on Monday from sources who were privy to the development but refused to be mentioned that the victim placed a bet with some people that he could swim across the river, but as he was swimming, he went

under the water and had not surfaced ever since.

A source who is a student of the university told PUNCH Metro on Monday, “Yesterday morning, a 200-level Chemical Engineering student made a bet with his coursemates to swim across the river.

“They all raised N300 each for the stake. As he was swimming, he dipped and he has not been seen after that. He is still missing up till now.”

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Attempts by PUNCH Metro to reach the Public Relations Officer of the university, Ms Mercy Ekott, failed as she did not pick up calls to her mobile number.

However, when reached for comments, the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Musa Mohammed, said he had yet to be briefed on the incident.

Mohammed could not also give the name of the deceased student.

Mohammed said, “I have no information on the incident” and promised to reach our correspondent the moment he had any update.