

Man dies inside borehole rescuing trapped victim

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Tragedy occurred at the weekend at Owelle Aja in Obosi Anambra State when a father of three drowned inside a borehole while trying to rescue a man working on the water system.

According to sources, the residents of 28 Cee

Best Street, Owelle Aja, had contacted two casual labourers to fix their damaged borehole. Unfortunately, one of the workers identified as Mustapha, got trapped inside the borehole leading to a frantic cry for help and pandemonium.

It was gathered that when the residents failed to rescue the trapped labourer, the man climbed down the borehole to assist and

both of them got trapped inside.

Consequently, residents called for reinforcement and after series of trials, the two were pulled out but unfortunately while the labourer that got trapped first survived, the volunteer died before their rescue.

The victim, identified as Ifeanyi Obumse, was said to reside in Obosi and was popular within the area.

When the reporter visited the area, all the tenants declined comment while the landlord, Mr. Donatus Chuma, was said to live elsewhere.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in-charge of Obosi Police Station, Dimale Joseph, confirmed the incident and said the matter had been referred to the command headquarters.