Court remands student in custody for alleged murder

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AN Abia State High Court has remanded a 200 Level Computer Science student of Michael Okpara University of Agriculture, Umudike (MOUAU), Abia State, in prison over alleged murder.

The suspect, Chinonso David Ibekwe, 25, was alleged to have killed a 67-year-old man, Peter Alaebuonu Eseonu.

A release by the Police Public Relations Office of the Abia State Police Command said Ibekwe was arrested by detectives of Central Police Station after which he confessed to killing Eseonu, a commercial tricycle operator.

The release further stated that the suspect, after confessing to the crime, took detectives to a ditch at Amuzukwu-Ibeku, in Umuahia North Local Government Area, where he dumped the body of the man.

The decomposing body of the deceased was said to have been exhumed and kept in a mortuary for autopsy.

In another development, three students of Ken Saro-Wiwa Polytechnic, Bori, and Rivers State Polytechnic, Ogoni, respectively, have been arrested by the police for alleged cultism.

The students, Obike, Favour and Kingsley, were said to have been arrested in one of the popular hotels in Aba, Abia State, by police detectives from Ndiegoro Police Division.

It was alleged that the suspects were members of Neo Black Movement of Africa (NBM), a cult group, and were in the commercial city for possible initiation of new members.