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Undergraduate killed, dumped in lagoon

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Body of David Kalu, a student of the Federal University of Petroleum, Warri, Delta State, has been found floating on the lagoon.

The police have, however, arrested a Hostel Manager at the university, William Odiete, the alleged murder of Kalu.

The police also arrested two students, Tega Waritoma and Abubakar Ogbebor, for allegedly participating in Kalu's murder.

The victim, whose body was dumped in the lagoon near the university, had reportedly escaped being killed on two occasions.

Prior to his death, it was learnt, the victim allegedly had a quarrel with his roommate, Kalu Joseph, but the matter was reported to the hostel manager.

Sources said the manager later led some other workers of the hostel, as well as Waritoma and Ogbebor to the victim's room, forcibly broke into the room, dragged him out and began to flog him. He, however, later managed to escape.

The victim also escaped being lynched when another attempt was made on his life by the same people, by scaling the fence of the hostel.

Confirming Kalu's murder at the command headquarters in Asaba, the state Commissioner of Police, Zanna Ibrahim, said "he (the vic-

tim) managed to escape from the scene but his corpse was later found in nearby lagoon".

The commissioner said since they broke into his room and mobbed him on two occasions, they were the prime suspects in the murder.

Zanna said as soon as the Homicide Section of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) completed discreet interrogation and tracked down other fleeing suspects, they would be charged to court.

He also recalled how three suspects impersonated lieutenant colonels to defraud the commanding officer of the 222 Battalion.

The commissioner gave the suspects' names as Musa Bello, Matthew Uwamenye and Ebo (surname unknown).

According to him, troops of 19 Battalion of the Nigerian Army in Koko, Warri North Local Government Area nabbed Bello and Uwamenye and handed them over to the area commander in Warri.

He said they were going to Agbarah-Otor in Ughelli North Local Government Area with the intent to defraud the 222 'B' commanding officer.

"For how long they have been in the fraudulent business, where they have operated in the past and how they got Army kits would be unravelled before they face the wrath of the law," the commissioner added.



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