

Police arrest 2 UNIBEN students over alleged drowning of final year colleague

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Two students of the University of Benin (UNIBEN), Edo State, Samson Kennedy, a 200 level student of Biochemistry and Wilfred Emmanuel, a 500 level student of Optometry have been arrested by men of the Nigerian Police, Edo State Command for allegedly taking their colleague, 23-year-old, Francis Aniude (a final year student of Department of Chemistry to Ekosodin River, where Aniude was said to have drowned.

The duo, who were said to be neighbours with Aniude, were said to have invited him to the Ekosodin River for sightseeing on the 29th of June, 2023, where he was allegedly drowned in the river by the duo, who were said to have ran back to the school campus to raise the alarm after the incident.

An account from a student of the Department of Chemistry, who does not want his name in print said, "Francis was drowned in the Ekosodin River, located in an off-campus community near the school on 29th of June and was declared missing, but his body was recovered by local divers in the community on Saturday July 1. 'The discovery of blood on his lips and peeled skin around his neck region raised suspicion amongst family members and relatives who are demanding for an autopsy,' he said.

Confirming the report, spokesperson to the Edo State Police Command, SP Chidi Nwabuzor said the duo were arrested to help the police in investigating the circumstances behind the death.