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### 3 suspected ritual killers in police net

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A three man gang of ritual killers that raped and killed an 18-year old girl , Miss Perpetua Obieri in Imo state a fortnight ago have been nabbed by the police in Lagos state.

The traditional ruler of Umuezeaga , Akokwa in Ideato North LGA in Imo state, Eze C. O. Biere made this revelation in an interview with pressmen in Umuahia.

According to the monarch, Umuezeaga is the home of late Miss Obieri , who lied to her parents on the fateful day that she was going to visit her uncle in Akokwa only to head to Ndiakunwata in Arondizuogu home town of Emeka Uwakwe her lover who along with two others namely , Chigamezu Anyaoha and Anthony Obioha raped and killed her for ritual purposes.

Also speaking, the father of the victim, Nicholas Obieri said he was yet to come to term with the chilling and sudden death of his daughter, but expressed his profound gratitude to the traditional ruler of Iheme-Izuogu community Eze K. N. Kanu who instituted the search for his late daughter's killers.

Meanwhile, the Iheme-Izuogu community natural ruler Eze K. N. Kanu, in whose domain the dastardly act was committed, on the fateful gave a graphic account of the ugly incident and how the ritualists were arrested.

"When the news trickled in of a headless body of a young girl at Ndiakunwata, I made few contacts and was told that some boys had been seen with a girl matching that description at a particular spot, so I wasted no time in arresting the young man who owns the place in question ."

The owner of the drinking spot then revealed the identity of Emeka Uwakwe who had picked up the victim when she arrived Arondizuogu .

The monarch disclosed that the suspects were first detained at Ojodu police station in Alausa Local Government Area, having established contact with the DPO whom he said demanded for reason behind the request for Uwakwe's arrest .

Describing the murder of Miss Obieri as very unfortunate and a desecration of the land , Eze Kanu berated Uwakwe's, mother for failing to carry out her duties as a responsible mother, saying a good mother would not allow three young men to sleep in a room with a teenager..

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