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Tribune**Police exhume head of 18-yr-old girl**

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THE Imo State Police Command has exhumed the head of an 18-year old girl, Miss Pepetua Chinwe Obieri, who was allegedly killed by her boyfriend for ritual purpose.

The Imo State Police Commissioner, Mr. Aloysius Okorie, dropped this hint on Wednesday, while parading four suspected men that allegedly carried out the operation at Ndiakunwata in Arodizuogu in Ideato Local Government Area of the state.

The suspects were: Emeka Uwakwe, the boyfriend to the girl who hailed from Ndiakunwata in Arodizogu, and Damian Joseph Akara from Akwa-Ibom State.

Others involved in the killing of Miss Obieri, who hailed from the same local government with her boyfriend, were Anthony Obioha from Lude Ahiazu Mbaize and Chigaemezu Anyaona, the native doctor that was to make money for Pertetua's boyfriend.

The commissioner of police told newsmen that the deceased left her house on July 26, 2009, to complete her last papers in the West African Examination Council's (WAEC) Senior School Certificate Examination. She called her parents on her GSM to inform them of her arrival at her destination at Ndiakunwata Arodizogu.

According to the commissioner, further communication between the deceased and the parents were no longer possible because several attempts made by her parents to reach her proved abortive as her handset was no longer going.

Worried by this situation, the father according to commissioner of police, decided to trace the deceased to the community and all effort made by the father to see her failed hence, he reported the matter to security agencies in the area."

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