

Body of drowned teenager still missing

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LAGOS — THE Police in Lagos yesterday said efforts were still being made to recover the body of the 17-year-old son of a pastor who drowned Sunday, in Lekki Beach, Lagos.

The deceased, Samuel Obu, reportedly went to the beach in the company of his younger brother and friends to celebrate the festive period.

Eye witnesses said he snapped some pictures with his friends before he went to swim.

But tragedy struck after he was reportedly carried away by the sea wave. His brother, Godwin, said to be swimming with him, became apprehensive when he discovered that Samuel was drowning and raised alarm.

Report said effort by local divers

to rescue the teenager failed as they reportedly retreated following the heavy wave which almost drowned them.

The incident, brought the festive mood at the beach to an abrupt end as fun seekers scurried out of their respective outlets and escaped for fear of being arrested.

The late Samuel as gathered, was a drummer in Latter House of God Church, pastored by his father.

Family sources hinted that news of Samuel's demise reached his father at about 730p.m.

A family source, who craved anonymity, told *Vanguard* that the deceased collected the sum of N1,000 from his mother as transport fare.

A female member of the church simply identified as Comfort, said to have gone to the beach with Samuel, was detained till the next day.

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