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Bayelsa Police confirm arrest of NSCDC personnel over death of boat owner

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Yenagoa—The Bayelsa State Police Command, yesterday, confirmed the arrest of two personnel of the state command of Nigerian Security and Civil Defence Corps, NSCDC, over alleged involvement in the killing of Mr. Akunama Agunza, a 25-year-old boat owner.

Though the arrested NSCDC officials have not been handed over to the police for interrogation, the accused were alleged to have conspired with some other unidentified persons in the incident that led to the arrest and drowning of the boat owner.

The deceased, it was learnt, was allegedly arrested over his attempt to secure the release of his wooden boat impounded by the task force on illegal oil bunkering, set up by Southern Ijaw Council.

The deceased was alleged to have hired out his boat to some youths, but was impounded over illegal oil bunkering.

It was learnt that attempt by the boat owner to secure the release of the boat led to his death in controversial circumstances.

Spokesman of the deceased family and elder brother, Silas Okiri, said the case was reported to Oporoma Police Station after the family discovered the decomposing body of Akunama Agunza along the Ofonigbene River in Southern Ijaw.

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