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Friends flee after final year UNIBEN student drown in borrow pit

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2 **UGHELLI**— THE inability of the police to locate the corpse of a final year student of the University of Benin, UNIBEN, who was reported to have drowned in a borrow pit at Oteri community in Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, is causing tension in the community.

The victim, Ayodele Adeluyi, an undergraduate in the university's Fisheries department, was declared missing yesterday, after he went to the borrow pit used for dredging activities to swim with his friends, who allegedly fled the scene of the incident with his mobile phone.

Sources said one of his friends identified as Nduka, who is currently in hiding, allegedly called a sister of the victim residing at Abuja to inform her that her brother has drowned in the borrow pit.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, disclosed that the victim had lied to his parents that he was going to school, but rather decided to have a time out with his friends only for him to be reported drowned in the flooded borrow pit.

Speaking on the incident, father of the victim, Pius Adeluyi, said: "I was at work when I was called to come home that my dog had bitten someone only to be told that my son, whom I thought was in school, had drowned in a nearby stream.

"After the incident, his friends used his phone to call his sister, Abimbola, in Abuja to break the news to her. It was his sister who called to inform that her brother was dead and Ayo's friend went away with his mobile phone leaving his clothes at the bank of the stream."