

Man, 43, killed, buried in shallow grave

—Police

OGWASHI-UKWU—THE Delta State Police Command has confirmed the killing of a 43-year old man, Mr. Ekene Ekwenuya, by suspected assassins in Ogwashi-Ukwu, Aniocha South LGA of the state.

Command spokesperson, DSP Bright Edafe, told newsmen, yesterday, in Asaba that one of the suspects involved in the gruesome killing is currently in police custody.

"The police got information that the victim was killed with cutlass. They cut him in the head, which led to his death.

"However, last Saturday, the police apprehended one of the suspects and he is currently helping with the investigation," Edafe said.

It was gathered from community sources that the victim was ambushed on Tuesday, when he went to his building site along Ubulu-Unor road, Ogwashi-Uku.

A young man in the community, who gave his name simply as Chukwudi, disclosed that the killers overpowered Ekene, dealt him several machete cuts on his head and dug a shallow grave in which they buried him.

"This incident happened over six days now. Ekene went to his building site with his motorbike last Tuesday and never returned home.

"The family and friends have searched everywhere for him but to no avail, a situation that made them to make a

formal report to police.

"But last Saturday morning, some friends of the victim in the community spotted a youth from the community riding Ekene's motorbike and confronted him over the whereabouts of Ekene.

"When the suspect could not give a

definite answer, they held him, beat him up and called in the community vigilantes who subsequently handed the suspect to the police," Chukwudi said.

The source said that the suspect later confessed to the crime before the police and mentioned three other accomplices who are currently on the run.

Police exhume corpse of missing Imo lady, arrest 2 suspects

By Emmanuel Iheaka & Chinonso Alozie

OWERRI—THE police in Imo State have exhumed the decomposing corpse of one Miss Joy Nwachukwu, suspected to have been murdered at her place of work.

Speaking to journalists in Owerri, yesterday, the state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Michael Abattam, said Miss Nwachukwu had left home for work on October 24, 2022, and never returned.

Abattam revealed that Nwachukwu's corpse was found in a shallow grave at the back of a gas station, where she worked, after a thorough search by police investigators.

The police image maker narrated: "Following a case of Missing Person reported on the 24/10/2022 by the family of young woman, Miss Joy Uchechi Nwachukwu, aged, 36yrs who left home for work and after a futile search, the family decided to complain to the Commissioner of Police through a petition written by one Pastor Mrs Precious Abara.

He said operatives of the State Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department (SCIID) swung into action for discreet investigation.

"On getting to the gas station, the investigating officers after searching later moved to the back of the gas station and uncovered a blood stain on the wall fence and stains on the dried grasses parked with two heavy stones on them.

"The officers removed the stones and found out there was an unpleasant odour coming out from there. They dug it a little and behold it was the missing lady.

Abattam said, Consequently, the corpse was exhumed, and the shovel and cutlass were recovered at the Station.

"Hypothetically, it is reasonably suspected that the two items recovered in the shallow grave are the weapons used in killing the victim.

"The corpse was later evacuated and deposited at Federal Medical Centre mortuary for autopsy. Two suspects have been arrested and are undergoing interrogation for the gruesome murder of Miss Joy Uchechi Nwachukwu while two others are on the run.