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# Music artiste, three crew members found dead in Lagos studio



- ***Police arrest one, start probe***

A popular music artiste, Matthew Ogundele and three of his crew members, have been found dead in a Lagos studio.

The crew members were identified as Itunu Ogundele, Joseph Sanya, and blogger, Matthew Awosanya, alias JoesTv.

The deceased were said to have been discovered about 11am on February 4, in the studio at HFP Shopping Complex, Abraham Adesanya in **Ajah**.

It was gathered that the artists had gone to Ajah to perform in a three-day birthday praise allegedly organised by the owner of the studio, Olanireti Akinbola.

The deceased, it was learnt, performed on February 3 and decided to sleep in the studio when they finished around midnight.

According to sources, they were given food by the owner's husband that night, who's said to be the one who noticed something was amiss around 11am the next day.

Sources alleged that a possible suffocation from a generator placed directly opposite the studio door could be responsible for their death.

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They were allegedly found unresponsive with blood coming out of their nostrils, ears and mouth but no violent mark seen.

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“The convener invited some gospel artistes to minister during her three-day birthday praise, which started on Monday.

“Segun Praise was scheduled to minister on the second day, and he came with his crew. The session started in the evening and ran late, so they decided to stay overnight in the studio.

“It was the following morning that we heard that their bodies were found in the studio.

“Her husband was the one who raised the alarm after knocking the studio door several times with no response coming from inside.”

“A generator was on and placed directly opposite their sleeping locations. So, it is suspected that probably caused their death but nothing has been concluded yet,” said a police source.

The state Police spokesperson, Superintendent of Police Abimbola Adebisi, confirmed the incident, saying it was reported last Wednesday, at Ajah Division, adding that it was later transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Yaba.

“One suspect identified as the organiser of the event is in custody. Investigation is ongoing while we await the autopsy report,” said Adebisi.