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A Superintendent of Police (SP) attached to the 'D' Department of the Force Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Alagbon Close, Ikoyi Lagos, Mr Edward Kolawole, was murdered at the weekend by men suspected to be assassins.

The officer whose body was found dumped at Iyana Isolo bus stop, on Oshodi/Apapa Expressway, Ilasamaja, Lagos, at about 9.30 pm, Saturday was said to be returning home from office.

Though the cause of his killing has not yet been ascertained, *Daily Champion* gathered that the officer who was in charge of Forensic Laboratory was pierced with a sharp object through his nose inside his green BMW saloon car, as the car was stained with blood.

The car with registration number Lagos CE: 24-FST was recovered at Berliet Bus Stop, a few metres away from the scene, by the Police at the Ilasamaja Police Division. About N80,000, his mobile phone and other documents were also found inside the car.

When *Daily Champion* visited his residence at Okota Police Barracks his wife, Mrs Janet Kolawole, and children were wailing uncontrollably as sympathizers thronged the place.

However, the widow who was still confused about the circumstances surrounding the death of her husband told to *Daily Champion* that her husband who was not used to going to office on Saturdays received a phone call that he should report to office that fateful day for a particular assignment he was handling.

Her words: "On that day, we were coming back from Sango-Ota in Ogun State when he received a phone call that he should report to the office for a particular case he was handling. He told them he was going somewhere and that he would be in office by 2 pm. He then dropped us at home without even climbing upstairs and rushed to the office.

"By 7pm he called me and told me that he had not finished what he was doing in the office. I then begged him not to stay late in the office and so he promised to come back early. We started expecting him from that time till 9.30 but he didn't come. Worried by that, we started calling on phone but he wasn't picking the call."

Apparently disturbed by that, Mrs Kolawole said she started telling the children about their father's strange behaviour.

"He used to call us when there was hold up on the way but that day he didn't. I and my children were looking around until 10 pm when a police officer picked the phone call made by my son and asked if he was the son or the brother. When he learnt that it was my son, he asked him to come to the station immediately. Two of my sons wanted to go to Ilasamaja Police Station without me but I told them I would die before they came back if they didn't allow me to go with them", she said.

Continuing, she said, "At the station, they refused to tell me anything but called my eldest son Olawotoba in and told him that as my husband was coming from work, suspected armed robbers shot him in the head and that nothing was taken away from him".

Reacting to the gruesome death of the Superintendent, Police Spokesman, Mr Olubode Ojajuni said the corpse of the deceased has been deposited in undisclosed mortuary in the state.

Ojajuni who expressed shock over the death of his colleague said the commissioner of police has directed immediate investigation into the matter.



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Ojajuni, a Superintendent of Police (SP) said the police at Ilasa have begun investigation.