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Prison officer kills senior colleague, tags him criminal

POLICE arrest prison officer for murder of superior.

The Police in Ebonyi State have arrested a junior staff of the Nigerian Prisons Service in Afikpo for allegedly killing a senior colleague.

The suspect currently held in police custody at Abakaliki was said to have shut one Mr. Ezilo Ogbonnaya, a senior warder also working with Afikpo Prisons command last weekend.

A source told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) yesterday in Abakaliki that the suspect (name withheld) performed night duty with the deceased on the day he shut his victim.

The source said that at about 5 a.m. on the fateful day, the late Ogbonnaya discovered that the suspect and other junior staff on night duty with him were still asleep.

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He said that after the gun shot, other workers rushed Ogbonnaya to hospital in the pool of his own blood and that he died a few hours later.

A senior prison officer told NAN that the suspect on interrogation claimed that he mistook the deceased for a criminal who came to attack the command.

The source who preferred anonymity said that the prison headquarters in Abuja had been notified and that the command was directed to conduct a proper investigation before the burial of Obgonnaya.

When contacted, Mr. Fedrick Nudam, the Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), confirmed the killing and said that police investigation would unravel the cause of the incident.

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