

Nigeria: Airport Worker Dies After Beating

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Lagos — One Ifeanyi Chukwu of the Nigerian Naval Command, Apapa, Lagos is currently under investigation after he and his brother were accused of beating a worker of Dowdatus Trolley Service at the General Aviation Terminal (GAT) 1 of the domestic wing of the Murtala Muhammed Airport, Lagos, resulting in his death.

According to witnesses, at about 6.am last Sunday, the naval officer and his brother parked their car illegally at the drop off zone when they went to drop their mother at the airport.

In line with the regulation, the tyres of the car were deflated by the Federal Airports Authority of Nigeria (FAAN) concessionaire charged with towing vehicles parked illegally at the airport.

When Chukwu returned and found his car tyres deflated, he started an argument with the airport authority. He claimed that one trolley attendant, Yusuf Muhammed, said he could park there, a claim the attendant denied. Chukwu's brother was said to have punched Yusuf directly in the face and he fell down after the naval officer cleared his feet with his boot.

He was taken to the FAAN clinic and referred to the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH where died same day.

Chukwu's brother was arrested by the airport police and the case was transferred to the CID Panti, Yaba, while the car is currently parked at the airport police station. Chukwu acknowledged the incident while the naval command said it was investigating the incident and would make its findings public.

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