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Amotekun Corps Accused Of Torturing 14-Year-Old To Death Over Missing N500 In Ondo

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Amotekun Corps still trying to find its footing in the state

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Operatives of the Ondo State Security Network Agency otherwise known as the Amotekun Corps have been accused of torturing a 14-year-old boy identified as Ayomide Adegbalu to death at Ondo town in Ondo State.

Daily Trust gathered that Ayomide, who was living with his stepmother in the Ogbonkowo area of Odojomu in the town, was sent to hawk cooked rice but was unable to account for N500 from the sales.

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The stepmother was said to be angered by the inability of the young boy to explain how the money got missing and decided to punish him.

A source, who spoke to our reporter under the condition of anonymity, said after several punishments from the stepmother, the boy was handed over to the operatives of Amotekun who tortured the boy to force him to reveal the truth.

“He became too weak and unconscious. By the time, he was rushed to the Specialists Hospital in Ondo, he was confirmed dead by the doctors on duty,” the source added.

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It was learnt that the case was later reported at the Fagun Police Station in Ondo while the remains of the boy were deposited at the morgue.

Lamenting the death of his son, the mother of the deceased, Mary, said he had divorced his father a few years back.



She explained that she was informed about the condition of the boy by neighbours.

Several attempts by Daily Trust to get the reaction of the state Commander of the Amotekun Corps, Mr Adetunji Adeleye, proved abortive as calls placed made to his phone were not returned.

Also, a text message sent to him over the incident had not been replied to as of the time of filling this report.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mrs Funmilayo Odunlami-Omisanya, said “I’m not aware of the incident.”

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