Police Officers Arrested Over Death Of Suspect In Detention



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The Kebbi State Police Command has arrested three of its officers over the death of a suspect, Abubakar Auwal, in detention.

A release by the command's Public Relations Officer, SP Nafiu Abubakar, said Auwal was arrested over a reported case of stolen trailer rims at the Jega Divisional Police Headquarters but collapsed and died while in detention.

It said, "Auwal reportedly collapsed around 6:00am on April 16. He was rushed to the General Hospital in Jega, where he was confirmed dead."



It added that the three officers were currently being held in custody for further investigation and disciplinary action while the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Jega Division had been queried and redeployed with immediate effect.

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The release said the command suspected foul play in the circumstances surrounding his death as such, the Commissioner of Police, CP Bello M. Sani, directed that the case be transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) for investigation and three officers were found culpable in connection with his death.

The Command assured the public that it remains resolute in ensuring accountability, justice, and the protection of citizens' rights while working to rebuild and maintain public trust.