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## Family accuses police of torturing son to death

- o It's a lie, say **police**

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**A** ROW may be brewing between the **family** of a former student of The Polytechnic, Ibadan and the **Oyo Police** Command over the boy's **death**.

While the **family** said their **son**, Monsuru Akanji, was tortured to **death** by the **police** in Ibadan for being in possession of a laptop without a receipt, the force debunked the claim, saying the victim took ill while in detention and later died in hospital.

Akanji was arrested by the **police** while on stop-and-search duty along Iwo Road in the state capital.

The 28 year-old Ordinary National Diploma (OND) holder of Business Administration, had told the officers who stopped him that he had no receipt with him.

He was consequently arrested and taken to the **police** station for questioning where he was allegedly tortured to **death**.

The deceased uncle, Mr. Ismaila Akanwo, while giving account of the incident to reporters, said the Investigation **Police** Officer (IPO) in charge of the case, Adegboyega Fakere, had brought the deceased to his house on Tuesday in handcuffs to search his room during which he was allegedly beaten.

According to him, all efforts to prevail on the IPO to stop beating the deceased since he was still a suspect failed.

Mr. Akanwo said that when they got to the station on Wednesday, the deceased and the IPO were said to be unavailable.

Upon inquiry, he said officers on duty informed them that Akanji had been taken to the hospital for treatment.

After a prolonged delay, Akanwo said the deceased lifeless body was later found at the Adeoyo state Hospital mortuary with marks on his head and eyes.

However, when contacted, the **Police** Public Relations (PPRO), Olabisi Okuwobi, said no suspect was tortured to **death**, adding that the suspect fell ill while in custody and was taken to the hospital where he died.

She assured that necessary investigation would be conducted to ascertain the true picture of the situation.