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Police nab woman for allegedly hiring three men to beat maid to death

By Odita Sunday

POLICEMEN attached to the Bariga police division, Lagos State command, have arrested one Madam Shade Moke and three men, John Okpara, Issac Gboyelade and one Akinseye at No. 2, Odusanya Street in Bariga area of the state over the alleged murder of one Halimot, a 17-year-old house-help.

It was not revealed what offence the deceased committed for Mrs. Moke to allegedly ask the trio to beat her up. It was learnt that the

girl died when the men were allegedly beating her.

Efforts to confirm what was used to beat the deceased cannot be ascertained at the time of filing this report. A source said: "Mrs. Moke had left the shop but was called on the phone when the girl fainted. She was rushed to Adeboye hospital and was referred to Maryade Specialist Hospital at Ilaje, and later referred to Gbagada General Hospital where the girl was confirmed dead."

Mrs. Moke, popularly known as

'Mama Popular' and other suspects however denied the allegation. She added that parents of the deceased girl were at her burial at Atan cemetery.

A non-profit organization, Advocates for Children and Vulnerable Persons Network, however expressed fears that Mrs. Moke might have bribed the deceased parents to prevent her and the three men from being prosecuted.

One of the advocates said: "The mother of the late Halimot was

confirmed to have shown up at the station, the alleged Shade Moke, who instructed the beating called her on phone to inform her about the incident and how she was brought to the station. She has pleaded with the mother of the deceased to give her more cash on the matter (inducement); so the mother of the deceased is saying that she doesn't want to institute any case against the woman. Though she was given some money when her child died, the

suspect wants to renew the cash to shut her up."

Expressing dismay over the behaviour of parents who collect bribe to pervert justice, Mr. Ebenezer Omejilile, manager at Advocates For Children and Vulnerable Persons Network, said: "The mother should be charged as an accomplice for being so irresponsible. This case should be used as an example to irresponsible parents whose children were killed by cold blooded monsters."

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