

# How 12-year-old Downen College student was allegedly murdered in Lagos

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**M**ORE facts yesterday emerged on how Sylvester Oromoni, a 12-year-old student of Downen College, located in Lekki area of Lagos State, was allegedly murdered by some cult groups.

The deceased was said to have been assaulted by some cult groups, who he identified before his death, as students of the college for refusing to join the fraternity.

He was admitted in a Lagos hospital on Friday following the attack and confirmed dead on Tuesday.

A relation of the deceased, Perrison Oromoni, took to the micro blogging site, twitter on Wednesday, to

announce his demise.

He revealed that the 12-year-old passed away on Tuesday after a series of tests and X-rays indicated that he sustained internal injuries from severe beating.

But Bowen College, who reached out to the family, said his injuries were sustained while playing football.

Speaking further on the issue, Perrison said: "We're from Delta State, but he goes to Downen College in Lekki. They called my uncle because his son was injured when he was playing football. Reaching the hospital, it was confirmed that he was being bullied and beaten up, causing internal damages.

"After tests and X-rays, it was confirmed he was beaten up

badly. He died yesterday (Tuesday) morning, and his entire body was swollen.

"Before his passing, he said they had been pressuring him to join a cult group.. He said they were going to kill him if he talked."

In a screenshot shared on his blogging site, Perrison said the late Sylvester mentioned a few names of the students, who pressured him to join their cult group before he died.

He said: "Anybody that can kill me should kill me now. My brother won't die for nothing, Anslem Temile, Michael Kashamu and Benjamin Favour and Downen college, just know he called your names before he died."

According to a media report, a representative of Downen

College, Ayomide Falona, has said investigations have begun into the matter while refuting the claims of assault.

When *The Guardian* contacted the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Adekunle Ajisebutu, he said, he had not been briefed.

Condemning the act, Nigerians on twitter have called on security agencies to look into the situation while urging parents to monitor their wards who are boarders.

A twitter user @Shelleofficial who did his National Youth Service at the school said parents whose children attend the college contribute largely to children's waywardness as

many refuse to allow their children to be corrected by teachers.

"May God rest his soul. I served in Downen College and the problem mostly is that parents don't want their children scolded by a teacher, teachers don't want to lose jobs, schools don't want to lose money! Business for school, jobs for teachers and spoiled brat for parents!"

"This day there is no difference between a Christian boarding school and a normal school. The atrocities that happen are the same. The country is hard and most women now work, that's why people choose boarding for their kids. But is it the way to go? Things are happening faa,"



Oromoni

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