

# My Son Didn't Commit Suicide, Cries Mother Of Man Found Dead In Hotel Room

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**Lagos** – Mrs. Anthonia Jackson, mother of a 29-year-old man, Ikechukwu Jackson, has called for investigation into the circumstances that led to the death of her son in a hotel room in Aïao Estate in

When the police got to the scene of the incident they found his corpse, a bottle of sniper brand of insecticide and a sachet of packaged water popularly called pure water.

A neighbour who did not want his name in print said that the hotel officials were the ones who alerted the police when they opened the door of the room which according to him was not locked.

However, speaking with DAILY INDEPENDENT, the distraught mother said that the police and hotel are culpable because her son died on Monday night and the police allegedly connived with the hotel management to take the corpse to the mortuary and embalmed the corpse without recourse to her until on Wednesday when they sent for her to come to the police station on Thursday.

"I arrived the police station at 10 am; it was at 5.30pm that they took me to the mortuary to identify my son. They also told me to carry the corpse for burial as quickly as possible because mortuary fee was N1,000 per day.

"I wondered why neither the hotel management nor the police could contact me since the hotel management in particular knew me very well. My children were raised in the neighbourhood. They should have called my attention.

"Secondly the hotel officials were arrested and released immediately without any concrete investigation. The police were fast in telling me to take my son's corpse for burial. It was only when I called a lawyer that the divisional police officer (DCO) asked them to contact the owner of the hotel. My lawyer told me that the owner of the hotel just called him some hours ago. The police told me to go and bury my son that he must have killed himself. Why should my son, hard-working and employed ticketing and reservation officer take his own life? She queried.

The hotel officials refused to respond to any questions as they directed our reporter to Ajao estate police station.

When contacted the inspector of crime handling the case said they were awaiting the result of the autopsy to confirm the cause of the death of the man, adding that they were suspecting a case of suicide.

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