

# Five Arrested Over Killing Man Accused Of Stealing Mobile Phone

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**T**he Lagos State Police Command has arrested five suspects in connection with the killing of a 22-year-old Olamide Omolegbe who was wrongly accused of stealing a cell phone.

The deceased corpse was allegedly thrown into the lagoon after he was beaten to death by the suspects.

Bala Elkana, DSP, the Command's Spokesperson, told Daily Independent yesterday that one Bolanle Muhammad had raised the alarm that her phone was missing.

He said the false alarm raised by Muhammad made four of the suspects to beat the deceased person to death.

Elkana said trouble started when on July 9, at about 11:30 a.m. men of the Langbasa Police Station received a complaint that on July 8, at 8pm, one Olamide Omolegbe, 22, of G.R.A, Abidjan was killed.

He said the deceased was accused of stealing a phone by one Bolanle Muhammed in her soft drink shop at Bodore area of Ajah, Lagos state.

According to him, the



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false alarm she raised led to the beating and killing of the victim by some suspects whose names were given as Wasiu Wahab, Ramon Ibrahim, Junior Adebayo and Yusuf Adegbite.

He said the four persons actually beat up the boy and when he was dead, they threw his corpse into the lagoon.

"His body was recovered by a team of detectives led by the Divisional Police Officer, SP Ada Okafor, on July 10 at

Badore Jetty and deposited at the Mainland Hospital mortuary for autopsy.

"Five suspects including the woman who raised the false alarm were arrested.

"Wasiu Wahab who is the principal suspect and Yusuf Adegbite were arrested inside the lagoon where they hid themselves in order to evade arrest," he said.

Elkana added that investigation revealed the phone was actually stolen by the son

of the woman who wrongly accused the deceased person.

Elkana said the suspects have confessed to have committed the crime while the Commissioner of Police Lagos State, CP Zubairu Muazu had ordered the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation Department, SCID, Panti, to take over the investigation.

He said the department would ensure a diligent prosecution of the suspects.