

# Controversy Rises Over Death Of FUT Student In Police Custody

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A student of Federal University of Technology Minna, Kingsley Edohe Micheal reading Cyber Security has died in police detention after being arrested last week for alleged cultism.

The death of Kingsley is generating controversy as the family claims he was tortured to death.

The police however stated that the boy was already ill when he was arrested by the university's security agents and handed over to Kpagungu police division and subsequently transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for interrogation.

LEADERSHIP Friday gathered from police sources that Kingsley died on Monday at the police Hospital in Minna after he was taken to the hospital a day before he gave up the ghost as he was showing some signs of illness.

Family sources however alleged that Kingsley might have fallen ill following torture during interrogation.

The police public relation officer, Bala Elkana told LEADERSHIP Friday that he was arrested and handed over to the police on the March 26, 2016 for allegedly planning to initiate new members into Black Axe cult inside Gidan Kwanu campus of the University.

He stated that four other persons arrested with Kingsley who are not students of the university were Jerry Isaac, Edwin Albert, Sylvester Akema and Ibrahim Samuel who have already been charged to court.

According to him, findings by police from the university showed that Kingsley was rusticated from the university since 2012/2013 academic session for poor academic performance.

Displaying medical records, the police spokesman stated that Kingsley contrary to the claim of the family died of cardiac disorder and not torture.

He said that the deceased had started showing signs of the illness before he was brought to police.