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The police in Ondo State yesterday interrogated the Olu of Igbokoda, Oba Afolabi Odidiomo, over his alleged involvement in the killing of Prince Titiola Lebi.

Oba Odidiomo was invited following a petition sent to the Police Commissioner by the deceased's lawyer, Chief Juwon Shemudara, who accused the monarch of complicity in Lebi's murder.

The police had earlier arrested eight subjects of the monarch.

Sources said Oba Odidiomo arrived at the Police Headquarters on Igbatoro road, Akure, around 12:15pm.

He was brought in a black Siena bus.

Oba Odidiomo, dressed in white native attire, was reportedly led to the office of the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID), where he was quizzed for several hours.

The monarch was still being interrogated as at press time.

A senior police officer, who spoke in confidence, said: "I do not think the man would be allowed to go home today (yesterday) because the allegation against him is serious.

"We have to do our job properly and ensure that justice is done. We are not saying the monarch is guilty or not. His interrogation will throw more light on the issue."

The late Lebi and three of his friends, according to Shemudara, were allegedly seized by some palace boys at Igbokoda on March 13 and taken to Odidiomo's palace, where they were brutalised.

Shemudara said he reported the matter to the police at Igbokoda, who stormed the palace to rescue the boys. He said only two of them boy's were rescued and the late Lebi was nowhere to be found.

Lebi's body was found floating on the Igbokoda river three days later.



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