

Police: we didn't torture suspect to death

THE Lagos State Police Command has denied allegations that it tortured a suspect, Omolola Rotimi Ejioye, alias Eji, to death.

Ikorodu residents yesterday morning protested the alleged killing of Ejioye by police operatives at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), where he was being detained.

According to information posted on social media, the deceased was arrested by policemen at Ikorodu and subsequently transferred to the SCID where his family members were allegedly asked to pay N300,000 for his bail.

There were claims that Ejioye was arrested during a police clampdown at Ladega following a robbery incident that led to the death of a motorcyclist.

It was gathered that as people fled the scene, Ejioye who was with his lover at

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the time, was arrested and all efforts by his parents to get him out failed.

Residents alleged that his parents rallied friends and relatives to raise the money and were planning to make the payment when someone hinted on Sunday, May 9, that their son had allegedly died from torture.

But the police command refuted the allegation, insisting that the suspect took ill and was rushed to the Police Hospital, Falomo, Ikoyi, where he died while on admission.

Spokesman, Olumuyiwa Adejobi, in a statement said: "The command wishes to state in clear terms that a case of suspected murder was transferred from Ikorodu Division of Lagos State to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panty, Yaba-Lagos on May 4, for discreet investigation. One

Rotimi Omolola, the deceased, was equally brought along with the casefile and other suspects.

"On May 7, at about 4am, the attention of the officers on duty at the State CID, Panty, was drawn to a strange behaviour of the suspect, Omolola, suggesting an underlining illness and he was quickly rushed to Falomo Police Hospital, Ikoyi, Lagos where he gave up the ghost while on admission.

"The body has been deposited at the mortuary for the performance of autopsy to ascertain the probable cause of death.

"The command therefore urges the public to disregard the fake, unfounded and mischievous news which has been in circulation by certain individuals to distort the fact and escalate misinformation on the incident, for reasons best known to them.



•The late Ejioye