

5 Man held for fighting 'dies' in custody

• Police debunk N150,000 bail demand

A YOUNG man identified as Uchenna Okafor has allegedly died in police custody in Akwuzu, Oyi Local Government Area of Anambra State.

The deceased was reportedly arrested for fighting.

A social justice campaigner, who shared the story on Twitter, claimed the deceased was one of three boys arrested last week for fighting.

"Three boys were arrested last week for fighting, and their parents were alerted about the incident.

From Emma Elekwa Onitsha

He said: "Uchenna's parents were asked to bring N150,000 for his release. Sadly, when they got there on Thursday, they were told their son had passed."

But the force PRO, CSP Olu-muyiwa Adejobi, said spokesperson of the Anambra State Command, Tochukwu Ikenga, had been ordered to investigate the matter.

Ikenga, on his own, said case before him was that of robbery and not fighting as alleged. He

added that investigations had begun. He also refuted allegations that the police demanded N150,000 from the deceased's parents before he could be released.

He said: "While we are looking into the allegation, the information before me is not a case of two fighting, as alleged but of robbery. The twitter handler is expected to be in the command this morning with more facts. Also, the IPO handling the case is expected with his brief this morning."