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Police arrest 55-year-old suspect for murder, assault in Lagos Island



The Lagos State Police Command has arrested a 55-year-old man, Samsideen Oladiti, popularly known as Shamelon, in connection with two violent crimes on Lagos Island, including a case of murder and another of assault occasioning harm.

According to a statement issued by the Deputy Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Babasayi Oluseyi, the suspect was taken into custody by detectives from the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti-Yaba, where discreet investigations are ongoing.

Police said that on September 17, 2025, around 3:00 p.m., Oladiti allegedly attacked a dispatch rider on Lagos Island, hitting him with a helmet and fists. The victim, who sustained serious injuries, was rushed to the hospital and placed on oxygen, where he remains under treatment.

A day later, on September 18, 2025, police received another complaint linking the same suspect to a previous incident that occurred on August 28, 2025. In that case, Oladiti allegedly used a metallic ring to repeatedly strike a man on the head and face during an altercation.

Despite receiving medical care, the victim succumbed to his injuries on September 17, 2025, and was confirmed dead by a doctor. His body has been deposited in a mortuary for autopsy.

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News of the death sparked unrest as sympathisers of the deceased staged a violent protest at Sandgrouse Market, Lagos Island, where the suspect's office is located. The protest escalated when demonstrators set ablaze two motorcycles belonging to the suspect, causing tension in the area.

The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, CP Olohundare Jimoh, led a combined team of mobile policemen, conventional officers and tactical squads to the scene.

Police swiftly restored calm, prevented further violence and reassured residents that the suspect was already in custody and would face prosecution once investigations were concluded.

"The Lagos State Police Command wishes to assure members of the public that justice will be diligently pursued in all the cases against the suspect," the statement said.

CP Jimoh also appealed to residents to remain calm, law-abiding and avoid taking the law into their own hands while urging full cooperation with ongoing investigations.