Police investigate death of recharge card thief in Bauchi

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THE police, in Bauchi State, have stated that they have began investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of a suspected telephone recharge card thief who died at the General Hospital in Dass, the headquarters of Dass Local Government Area of the state.

The alleged thief, identified as Mutaka Adamu, a resident of Abuja Rama area of Dass, was said to have been arrested on January 14, 2014 by the police in Dass and was discovered to have been under the influence of drug as of the time of arrest. He was reported to have been taken to the general hospital for treatment, where he was allegedly administered with overdose of drugs by the hospital staff.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the arrest of the deceased by the police was as a result of a complaint made by a resident of Bayan Fada, at the Dass Divisional Police Station that Adamu and others allegedly stole his recharge cards.

According to the complainant, Adamu and others broke into his shop and stole the recharge cards worth N35,000. Following this, the police issued a warrant of arrest to facilitate the arrest of the suspects who were said to have taken to their heels.

The deceased suspect was, however, said to have been arrested at about 7p.m. on January 14, 2014 by a police corporal, Aminu Adamu, who took him to the station from where he was taken to the hospital for treatment.

Confirming the incident to journalists in Bauchi, on Monday, the Bauchi State Police Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Haruna Mohammed, stated that the police had since commenced investigation into the matter.