

4 in police custody for allegedly beating maid to death in Lagos

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THE police in Lagos State have arrested four persons in connection to the death of a 16-year-old house help who was beaten to death for allegedly stealing N2,000.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Bala Elkana, confirmed the incident in a statement signed by him and made available to the Nigerian Tribune.

Elkana said: "On May 9, at about 11:30 a.m., the Bariga police station received information that one Shade (surname withheld) conspired

with three others and killed one Halimat Sodiq (16) over an allegation of stealing.

"The victim is said to be a house help to Shade and she was alleged to have stolen N2,000 from her madam, which she denied."

"The madam invited the remaining three suspects who allegedly tortured the girl to death. They buried her secretly at Atan cemetery in Lagos so as to conceal the murder."

The police spokesperson stated further that: "The four suspects were arrested but they denied the allegations. They, however, admitted

slapping the girl for denying that she stole the money.

"They claimed that the girl went into convulsion after drinking water and that they took her to three different hospitals before she eventually died and that the girl was buried by her parents.

"The parents were also contacted for their statements and the Commissioner of Police, Hakeem Odumosu, has ordered the immediate transfer of the case to the State Criminal Investigation Department Yaba for discreet investigation and diligent prosecution."