

Student tortured to death by colleagues over allegation of phone theft in Sokoto

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A 200-level Dental student of Sultan Abdurrahman College of Health Technology, Gwadabawa, has been killed by his colleagues over alleged phone theft.

The victim, who was simply identified as Lukman, hailed from Kalambaina in Wamakko Local Government Area of the state.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that the incident occurred at about 2:00a.m. on Sunday at a rented apartment outside the school premises.

A source told the Nigerian Tribune that "Lukman's friends, who are fellow students, accused him of stealing a phone belonging to another student."

The source said the students conspired with others

and forcefully dragged him out of his room.

"They tied him to an electric pole, poured water on him and tortured him in their bid to force him to confess to the crime."

"When he fainted, some of the students rushed him to Usmanu Danfodiyo University Teaching Hospital where he was confirmed dead on arrival."

It was gathered that the management of the hospital, after identifying the deceased as a student, ordered its security personnel not to allow those who brought him to escape.

The hospital's management then informed the college authority and police, who later arrested the students for investigation.

Provost of the college, Na-

sir A. Musa, while speaking with the Nigerian Tribune via phone, said he got the information when the management of UDUTH informed him on Sunday morning, just as he added that both the victim and suspects were living off-campus.

"So I called my one of the staff members who went to the hospital to ascertain the situation.

"I equally informed the Divisional Police Officer of Gwadabawa, who led his men to the scene of the incident and arrested some of the perpetrators.

"As I am talking with you, seven students linked to the crime have been arrested and the police are trailing others, including their friends who came from the city to take part in the torture."