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Police probe death of man in Lagos custody

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THE police in Lagos State have begun investigations into the circumstances surrounding the death of a man who was allegedly tortured to death in its custody.

An unidentified relative of the deceased, while soliciting justice over the case, also accused the police of dumping the body in the mortuary without contacting his family.

He said: "This my brother was arrested in his residence at Chevron by an Ikota police post officer and was detained without committing any offence.

"He died in their custody and they took his body to Epe General Hospital mortuary without contacting his family or anyone. They tortured him to death and dumped his corpse at Epe mortuary."

According to the relative, the deceased was arrested on Tuesday, February 11, on the order of one of his neighbours.

The Lagos State police image-maker, CSP Benjamin Hundeyin, while speaking on the incident, said: "Investigations have since commenced. The Investigating Police Officer (IPO) and the complainant are currently in custody at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Yaba.

"Meanwhile, an autopsy is about being carried out to determine the cause of death, after which further necessary actions would follow.

"Members of the public are assured that a thorough investigation will be carried out and any person(s) found culpable will be dealt with in accordance with the law."