

Police confirm death of ex-Immigration CG in Abuja

Say he died after night out with lady in hotel room

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FEDERAL Capital Territory (FCT) police command has confirmed the death of David Shikfu Parradang, a former Comptroller-General of the Nigerian Immigration Service (NIS).

The command also refuted the reports doing the round in the media that Parradang was abducted in the Area 1 axis of Abuja in the early hours of Tuesday, after being trailed from a bank where he had withdrawn money, and the assailants took the cash from him before eventually killing him.

Parradang, who served in the NIS for over 30 years, held various positions across the country, including the Comptroller-General.

He served in Kano, Lagos, Kwara, Enugu, and the FCT.

In recognition of his service, he was awarded the national honour of Officer of the Order of the Federal Republic (OFR) and was a distinguished graduate of the National Institute for Policy and Strategic Studies (NIPSS).

Confirming his death, the FCT police command's spokesperson, SP Josephine Adeh, in statement on Tuesday, quoted the FCT Commissioner of Police, Tunji Disu, as saying: "In light of the recent reports alleging that retired Comptroller-General of NIS, David Shikfu Parradang, was kidnapped and subsequently

killed, we wish to clarify the facts surrounding this incident to ensure accurate information is disseminated to the public.

"On March 3, at approximately 12:00p.m, Mr Parradang arrived at a hotel at Area 3 Junction, driving a black Mercedes Benz. He checked into the hotel, paying N22,000 for one night's stay. "Shortly thereafter, he directed the hotel room attendant to escort a female guest who had come to visit to his room. This lady left the hotel premises around 4:00p.m the same day.

"Mr Parradang did not exit his room after the lady left. Around 4:00a.m of March 4, a friend, who is a military officer, concerned for his wellbeing, traced him to the hotel. Upon arrival, the hotel receptionist and the officer proceeded to his room, where Mr. Parradang was found deceased, seated in a chair.

"The Durumi Police Station was notified and officers promptly arrived at the scene, secured the area, took photographs, and collected all relevant evidence to preserve the integrity of the crime scene. The body has been transferred to the National Hospital for necessary procedures, and hotel staff are currently cooperating with police investigations.

"Effort is in top gear to effect the arrest of the lady."