

Husband arrested after wife's death at childbirth

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THE police in Lagos have arrested a man, Sunday Omotosho, for alleged complicity in the death of his wife.

Although Omotosho was said to have consistently insisted that he had no hand in the death, the police said on Wednesday that the suspect would still be investigated.

Both husband and wife were residents of 4, Akinremi Street, Mulero, Agege, Lagos, before the tragic exit of the wife.

Events that culminated in the arrest and detention of Omotosho began on Sunday when he allegedly beat his heavily pregnant wife, Abiola.

It was learnt that two days after the couple quarrelled (on Tuesday), the wife was taken to a hospital for child delivery.

The 33-year-old Abiola, according to a report, gave birth to a baby girl about 7am but her condition became unstable immediately she delivered the baby.

Our correspondent learnt that the medical personnel at the hospital tried to save Abiola's life but she reportedly died about 9am.

When the news of the

woman's death was broken to members of her family, one of her relations, Olabisi Wuraola, refused to take the news as natural.

She went to report to the police that Abiola died as a result of the beating she received from her husband.

The police came into the matter and visited the couple's home. Omotosho was later arrested on the strength of Wuraola's allegation.

It was learnt on Wednesday that the deceased's husband had been taken to the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, for interrogation.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday.

Mba said the police would not confirm whether Abiola died as a result of the previous beating she received or not.

He added that the police needed a forensic report on the corpse to ascertain the real cause of death.

The husband, Mba said, would be in police custody until it was scientifically proved that he had no hand in the death.