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Awosika died from gunshot wounds — Pathologist

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The Chief Medical Examiner of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Prof John Obafunwa, on Tuesday, told a Coroner's Court that a banker, Mr Modebayo Awosika, died as a result of gunshot wounds.

The development was contrary to the claim of the Nigeria Police that the deceased died as a result of a car accident.

Obafunwa, the Chief Medical examiner of LASUTH said this during his testimony at an inquest to determine the circumstances leading to the death of Awosika.

The son-in-law to Chief Alade Odunewu was a Relationship Manager with First Bank of Nigeria Plc and reportedly died in the early hours of October 1, 2008 while driving home on the Lekki Expressway, Lagos.

Led in evidence by the Lagos State Attorney-General and Commissioner for Justice, Mr. Olasupo Shasore (SAN), Obafunwa, informed the court that the result of his examination on the corpse of the late Awosika revealed that he died as a result of bullet wounds and not an accident as claimed by the police.

He said, "The death resulted from a disruption of brain tissue as well as bleeding due to fracture of the skull. There was an entry and exit of gun in his skull. The deceased did not die as a result of a car accident. He died as a result of the injury sustained from gun wounds."

Obafunwa, who is a pathologist, also informed the court that although he did not find any bullet in Awosika's body, but he insisted that there were metal fragments from bullets under his scalp and around his forehead.

In his testimony, the officer in charge of Maroko Police Station, Adejo Imoru, told the court that he was at the station when a Mobile Police Officer, named Oguns ran to the station to report a car accident.

The matter had been adjourned till April 17 for continuation of the inquest.

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