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Police investigate death of unidentified man in bus

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The victim

The Lagos State **Police** Command is investigating the **death** of an **unidentified** middle-aged **man**, who died shortly after he was found in a passenger bus at Mile 2 Motor Park. Crime Digest gathered that the **man**, who could not recollect who he was or how he got to the park, was found in one of the buses in the early hours of Monday.

A source at the park, who identified himself as Ibrahim, said the commercial motorists discovered that the **man**, who had no shirt on, was fast asleep in an uncomfortable posture.

"We came to the park to start work for the day only to find the strange **man** sleeping in a **bus**. At first, we thought he was dead, so we shook him to confirm. When he woke up, we asked him his name and how he got to the **bus**, but he seemed not to be able to remember any detail. After much deliberation, the park officials cleaned him

up because he looked unkempt," Ibrahim said.

Crime Digest learnt from another source, who craved anonymity, that N41,500 cash and a **bus** boarding pass were found on the **man**, which suggested that the **man** travelled from Port Harcourt to Lagos. One of the sympathisers, simply known as Augustine, who had helped in the attempt of the motorists to revive the **man**, kept the money and the **bus** ticket.

"The items were in the custody of Augustine. He gave it to one of the park officials, but the official refused

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to collect, saying he did not want to be implicated. Augustine later absconded with the money and the bus ticket," he said.

It was learnt that the park chairman, in company with some officials, rushed the **man** to Safe Hands Hospital, Maza Maza, where he reportedly died. .

A **police** source, however, believed that the **bus** ticket Augustine absconded with, was very crucial in solving the mystery of who the **man** was. The source added that the **police** were working on the theory that the **man** might have been drugged.

"The **bus** ticket would help in solving the mystery of who the **man** was because his name and probably his address would have been written on the ticket. The **man** was probably drugged when he was coming down to Lagos and abandoned in that **bus**," he said.

The Public Relations Officer Lagos State Command, Frank Mba, stated that the **police** were faced with a challenge and were faced with a dark investigation because the identity of the **man** is unknown. He said, "The challenge we are faced with is that the identity of the **man** is unknown. The identity of the **man** would help to a lot in the investigation. Unravelling the mystery of the man's identity would help know where he live, what he did, what he came to do in Lagos and this would make the investigation easier. Meanwhile, we are urging the public to collaborate with the **police** in solving the case as it is still being investigated."

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