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May 24, 2012 by Simon Utebor [15 Comments](#)



When Mr. Udofa Ekpo, a 62-year-old loader with the National Union of Road Transport Workers, Mile 2, Lagos branch, returned from work on April 18, 2012, he had no idea that death was lurking around him.

When he got home at 8pm, he settled down to watch the European Champions League match between Barcelona and Chelsea on the fateful day.

When the match ended around 10.30pm, there was power outage at Ajangbadi, a Lagos suburb. Worried by the excessive heat in the house, he decided to spend some time at his wife's restaurant in the neighbourhood.

While he was there, his daughter, Ididiong, ran towards him, panting and screaming that some boys vowed to kill her because she refused their friend's friendship request.

PUNCH Metro learnt that as Ekpo was listening to Ididiong, the boys, whose names were given simply as Oghene, Henry and Macaulay emerged, raging with anger.

It was further learnt that before Ekpo could utter a word, Macaulay allegedly beat him up, resulting in his collapse and then death.

Sensing that Ekpo had died, the boys attempted to run away but eyewitnesses overpowered them and handed them over to the Police Division at Ajangbadi.

The division later transferred the suspects to State Criminal Investigation Department, Yaba.

Ididiong said Macaulay had been asking her to date him but she refused.

She said, "On the fateful day, the three boys saw me in our area. They said I was always bluffing and that Macaulay had been asking me out and I had been ignoring him.

"That day was not the first day they had been disturbing me. As I told them that I was not interested, they started manhandling me but I escaped and headed for my mother's shop. I met my father there and he inquired what the problem was.

"Suddenly, the boys came around and Macaulay started beating him up. Before anything could be done, my father slumped. We attempted to rush him to the hospital but he died on the spot."

She said because many people were attracted to the area during the scuffle, the suspects could not escape.

Ididiong said few days after the suspects were arrested, they were released by the police and had been walking freely since then.

“We are appealing to the relevant authorities not to allow our father’s killers to go scot-free. We want justice in this matter,” she said.

An eyewitness, who craved anonymity, said, “One of the boys, I think Macaulay, had been trying to woo Ididiong but she rebuffed his moves. He later enlisted the support of two of his friends to deal with the girl.

The source said in the last two weeks, fear had gripped the area as the suspects who were arrested on the fateful day had been released by the police.

“This is a source of concern to us. We are worried that the suspects did not stay up to two weeks before they were let off the hook. I wonder because I learnt that murder cases are not bail-able,” she said.

Meanwhile, the lawyer to the family, Mr. Silas Udoh, has sent a petition to the office of the Deputy Commissioner of Police, State Criminal Investigation Department, Yaba, requesting that the suspects should be charged to court.

The petition reads in part, “We were informed that though the matter was transferred to your state Command from Ajangbadi Police Station since two weeks ago, the accused have not been charged to court. Rather, they were all released from police custody, an action which you know can cause a breakdown of peace in the area and encourage self-help.

“Further to the above, we have the instruction of our client to the effect that they are greatly embarrassed by your action and unless proper legal action is carried out on the murderers immediately, we shall petition the IG as well as

National Human Rights Commission.”

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command, Mr. Joseph Jaiyeola, confirmed the story but said the matter had been charged to court.

“The matter has been charged to Yaba Magistrate’s Court about two weeks ago,” Jaiyeola said.

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- *kcomorefe* May 24, 2012 at 4:37 am

What society are we. How can a police man just release a murder just like that the police shld be investigated and be bring to book and the so call murderal should be dealt with according to the law.

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- *Onyeoma Nze* May 24, 2012 at 4:49 am

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Those police [www.topsecretstyoumustknow.com] officers at Ajangbadi Division should all be sacked for releasing those murder's suspect.

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- *Darloski* May 24, 2012 at 5:33 am

Police are meant to protect lives and properties but they have joined hand with criminals, what a lawless society called Nigeria. God, save us

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- *Ephraim* May 24, 2012 at 6:47 am

The Nigerian Police is a disappointment to the country. They seem to be very ignorant of the law. Dey go school so? The community should not allow it go like that. Pa RIP!

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- *Marcus Enwang, Uniuyo* May 24, 2012 at 7:03 am

If murderers r bailed n they walked around d street, who is d next target. I pity myself! Wht hs police nay security agent done 2 ds. After some months, they'l promise heaven n paradise 2 any1 with info abt the murderers' whereabt. Anoda litmus test 4 IG.

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- *jayboski* May 24, 2012 at 7:15 am

Hmmmmmm na wa ooooh. God help us

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- *ally* May 24, 2012 at 7:27 am

This is just a among a VERY FEW atrocities committed by police. Most police CRIMES were never reported! Know what, what would the I.G do to this case when he

is not expecting a financial benefit nor family from the case.

Once, police official deflate my tires @ Idi-aro post station near Orita-aperin Ibadan simply for no reason: hooting to pave way at their collection or extortion point.

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• *dougy* May 24, 2012 at 7:36 am

Those boys in black uniform are fools. Releasin a murderer just bcos he settle them. They are d worst criminals hav in d country. One day bushmeat wil catch d hunter

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• *nuga moses* May 24, 2012 at 7:52 am

What are we see and hearing as wicked are allowed to walk tall in the world even before the people they injured, never the less let mortar men know that there is a great judge on earth whose we are all going to faced one day

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• *O. Mark* May 24, 2012 at 8:52 am

Issue like this one should not be treated with levity because of bribe. It is a clear case of murder. Why

should the murderers be released when the case is not properly investigated it is amazing. IGP should handle this case by himself for justice to be done.

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- *The Truthe Sayer* May 24, 2012 at 9:04 am

Police! Police!! Police!!! Make una no play with human life like dat oooooooooooooo. These boys must be charged to court to face their murder charges. Let them go and start sleeping with all the female prisoners as there will be their new soon. Stupid things..Nonsense

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- *G.I.* May 24, 2012 at 9:11 am

There is lawlessness & wickedness all over. We pray that God in His infinite mercy comes to our aid.

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- *ray* May 24, 2012 at 9:16 am

@ariola u cn say dat again.

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