

Septuagenarian guard dies after attack by Lagos driver

Deji Lambo

THE family of a security guard James Emmanuel has been thrown into mourning after he died from injuries he sustained when a cab driver, Habeeb Quadri, allegedly brutalised him while he was settling a dispute in the Bode Thomas area of Surulere, Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the 77-year-old James, a security guard at the Eko Club, stepped out of his duty post to get something to eat when the events that led to his death occurred around 9pm.

While the septuagenarian was on his way, it was learnt that he saw Habeeb allegedly assaulting two women, including a yet-to-be-identified co-worker, who were said to have boarded his cab from Orile to the Eko Club.

James was said to have intervened and out of annoyance, Habeeb allegedly punched him in the face and he fell to the ground and hit his head on the floor.



• James after the attack

When **PUNCH Metro** visited James' house on Olatunde Onimole Street in Aguda, his grandchild, Tolani, said he died after the attack, adding that the cab driver absconded after perpetrating the crime.

The driver ran away after

assaulting my grandfather. But the two ladies he initially assaulted knew his park and we went there to lodge a complaint against him to the chairman. The chairman apprehended the driver when he got to the park and handed him over to my mum, who took him to

the police station," Tolani stated.

Tolani's mother, Blodun, said her father lost consciousness immediately after the attack, adding that he was rejected by hospitals.

She said, "He (James) did not fight with the driver. He was on duty at the Eko Club and left his duty post

to buy something to eat that night when he saw the cab driver in front of his place of work assaulting the two ladies. He saw that one of the ladies being assaulted was a cleaner at his place work.

"He asked the ladies what happened and they explained that they didn't like the way the driver was driving and insisted that they were not continuing with the journey. So, the driver started demanding for money and this led into an argument and in the process, the driver started assaulting the ladies.

"The ladies ended up paying N100, but the driver insisted on the N150 he initially charged; my father appealed to him to go and convey other passengers. All of a sudden, he faced my dad and punched him in the face until he fell to the ground and hit his head on the pavement.

"He was quickly rushed to a hospital in Bode Thomas, but he was rejected; several other hospitals rejected him till he died on Monday morning at home. The driver is in the custody of the

Bode Thomas Police Division and I want him to be prosecuted in accordance with the law."

When contacted, the state

Police Public Relations Officer, Bala Elkana, who confirmed Habeeb's arrest, said the case had been transferred to the

State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Panti, Yaba, for discreet investigation.

He stated, "On July 20, 2020,

FUTA suspends student for allegedly hacking

Peter Dada, Akure

THE Federal University of Technology, Akure, Ondo State, said it had placed a final year student of the Department of Food Science and Technology, Afolabi Emmanuel, on an indefinite suspension.

Emmanuel was sanctioned by the varsity for his alleged involvement in the hacking of the website of an online news medium, **Premium Times**.

In a statement issued on Wednesday by the Deputy Director, Corporate Communications, FUTA, Mr Adegbenro Adebajo, the student was alleged to have committed the act, which constituted misconduct and misuse of the university's information technology infrastructure.

According to the statement, the

university received a complaint from **Premium Times** about denial of service attack on its website "between 28th and 29th of February, 2020, through a concerted vulnerability scanning by a person using the IT infrastructure of the university."

Following the complaint, the university management initiated an investigation and it was discovered that Emmanuel carried out the alleged act of misconduct using the log in credentials of two members of staff without authorisation to perpetrate the act," Adebajo said.

The university spokesman noted that the notification of indefinite suspension addressed to Emmanuel read in part, "In the extant Student's Handbook of Information, your action is a



• FUTA gate misconduct to abuse the use of university IT infrastructure.

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Umar Muhammed, Lafia

THE Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps in Nasarawa State has said it has arrested the suspected kidnappers

one Sefiu Aderoki with his vehicle.

injured one Sikiru Muritala and Raheem Jamiu, and

counts bordering on manslaughter.