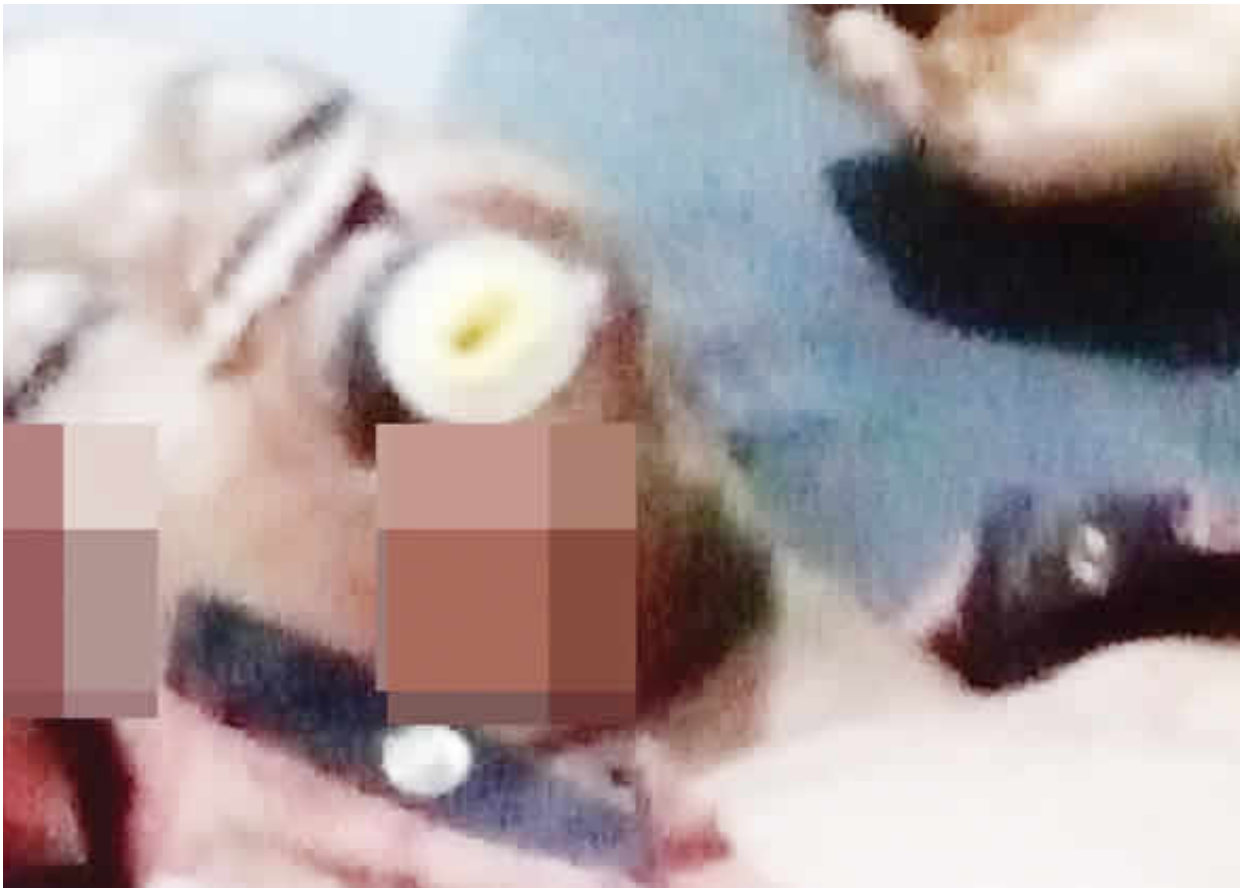


Osun fashion designer attacked by bribe-seeking policeman dies

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A 20-year-old fashion designer, Ayomide Taiwo, who was attacked by a policeman, Inspector Ago Egharepbe, attached to the Ibokun divisional headquarters, Osun State, is dead.

Taiwo had been in a coma since Tuesday, following the attack by Egharepbe, who was said to have requested a bribe from him.

He passed on around 10am on Sunday.

His uncle, Segun Agboola, who broke the news to our correspondent, said Taiwo was survived by his mother, aged grandmother and two siblings.

He said, “Ayomide (Taiwo) never made it. He died after spending about five days in a coma. Since the incident happened on Tuesday, he had been in a coma. We are planning to take the corpse to Iragbiji, his hometown, for burial. He lost his father a long time ago.”

PUNCH Metro had reported that Taiwo, a resident of Owena, was travelling back to his base from Iragbiji after the last Ed-el-Fitri celebration with his friend, Wasiu Oladimeji, when his motorcycle was stopped by some policemen at a checkpoint in Ilahun last Tuesday.

Oladimeji, who travelled with the victim on the same motorcycle, said the policemen after stopping their motorcycle, demanded money.

He noted that while the victim was about to give them the money, one of the officers suddenly became aggressive and hit Taiwo’s head with the butt of the rifle he carried.

The victim was rushed to the Ladoke Akintola University of Technology Teaching Hospital, where he was admitted.

He, however, died on Sunday.

Reacting to the development, the Osun State Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola, said the erring policeman had been dismissed.

Opalola said, “Taiwo died of the injury he sustained when Egharepbe attacked him on Tuesday. The Osun State Police Command wishes to state that the officer, Inspector Ago Egharepbe, who brutalised a civilian in Ibokun has been tried and dismissed from the force.

“The Commissioner of Police, Undie Adie, has recommended his dismissal to the Inspector-General of Police and he has been dismissed. He will be charged to court on Monday for murder.

“CP Adie and the entire Osun State Police Command commiserate with the family and friends of Ayomide Taiwo on the death of their loved one, as we promise to ensure that justice is served.”

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