

Man jumps from 7th floor, dies at 1004 Estate during EFCC raid

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A man has died after jumping from the 7th floor of 1004 Housing Estate, Victoria Island, Lagos, *The PUNCH* has learnt.

A resident told *The PUNCH* that the deceased jumped from an apartment at Block D5 during a raid by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission on Thursday morning.

The PUNCH learnt that a combined team of EFCC officials and policemen had stormed the estate in search of some alleged Internet fraudsters otherwise known as ‘Yahoo Boys’.

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However, during the raid, the deceased, who was believed to be a short-term resident, allegedly jumped from the apartment and died.

It was learnt that after the incident, the EFCC officials immediately left and informed policemen attached to the Bar Beach Police Division.

The Police Public Relations Officer in Lagos State, Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident, adding that from all indications, the man was not even a suspect.

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Adejobi said after the man fell, he was taken to a hospital but succumbed to his injuries.

The police spokesman said, “It was true. He was not even the target of the EFCC when he jumped from the seventh floor. We were told that he was not a resident but a guest. It is quite unfortunate. He was taken to the hospital after he had sustained fractures and he was placed on oxygen but gave up the ghost. We are trying to ascertain his identity. Once that is done, we will contact his family.”

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The Spokesman for the EFCC, Mr Wilson Uwujaren, said he would call back when he was contacted.

The EFCC has in recent time embarked on random raids at school hostels, clubs and private homes in search of Internet fraudsters and often parading them, a method which has been criticised by many.

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