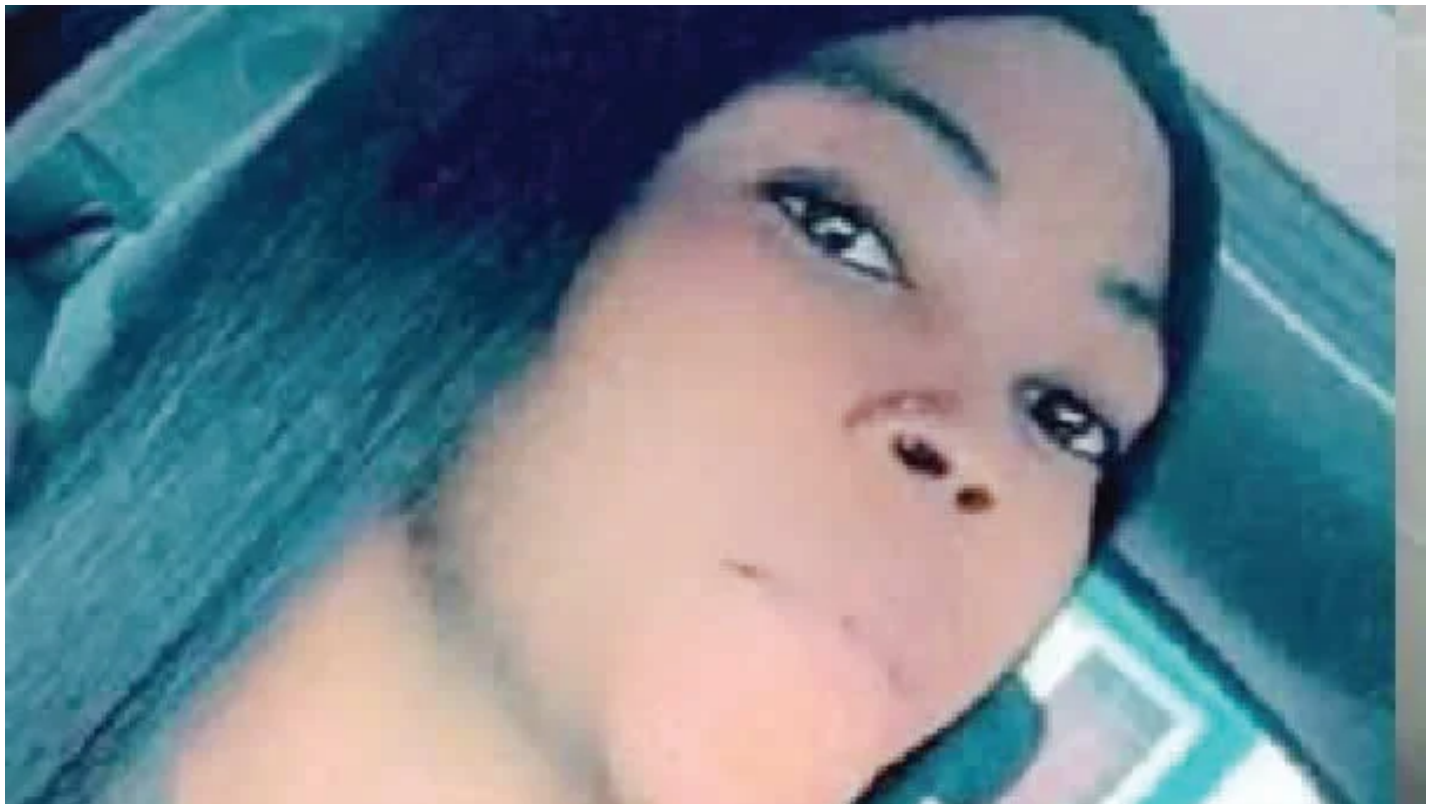


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Lady dies in Abuja hotel, brother accuses management of cover-up, slams police

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Esther

A 21-year-old lady, Esther Isaac, has died in a hotel in the Federal Capital Territory.

The victim reportedly lodged in Room 901 on February 25, 2022, at the Agete Hotel in the Gwarinpa area of the FCT.

Her brother, Emmanuel, who spoke to our correspondent on Tuesday, accused the police of compromising the case.

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CCTV was faulty the day brother lodged in the facility.

He said, “We live in Calabar and I tried calling her two numbers, left her a message on *Whatsapp*, but she did not respond, which was unusual. I kept calling. Later, a police officer, Inspector Dajunma, picked up the call and told me my sister was dead.

“He asked me to come down to their division in Abuja. I was in Abuja the following day and the police officers tried to work things out, but the hotel owner shouted at me.

“They asked if I had anyone and I told them that it was myself and my late sister; we lost our parents a long time ago. They took advantage of my situation.

“Inspector Dajunma said maybe the case should be transferred to another place, so I left for Calabar. I came back to the station to ask for an update, but the police officers shouted at me.

“One of them insulted me; he said my sister died a shameful death and I should forget about getting justice. He said my sister came for her business while the hotel was doing their business. I was humiliated at the station and was not allowed to speak a word.

“I demanded to see the CCTV footage; they said their CCTV was bad on that day. They said she came to the hotel with someone without showing me any evidence. I think the hotel management knows more than they are making us believe,” he added.

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The FCT Director of Behind Bar Initiative, Oby Ofili, said the group had taken up the matter.

She said, “We have taken up the case and we will try our best to ensure justice is served.

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Ene, said the manager was not on seat. She said he would be back by 4pm.

Our correspondent called the phone number at least 10 times and sent two text messages which were not replied to as of press time.

The FCT police spokesperson, Josephine Adeh, confirmed the incident, adding that investigation was ongoing.

She denied the allegation levelled against the police by the deceased's brother.

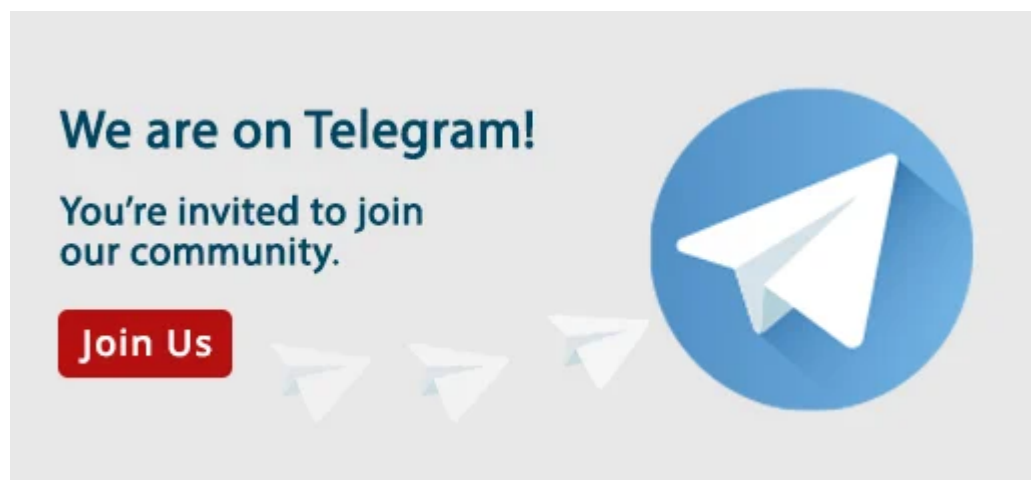
Adeh said, "The allegation against us is wrong and unfair. The case is, however, under investigation."

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