Lagos police probe killing of senator's aide

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The Lagos State Police Command says it is investigating the death of Mr Adeniyi Sanni, a senior aide to the Chairman of the Senate Committee on Appropriation, Solomon Adeola.

The command's spokesperson, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, confirmed the development to the News Agency of Nigeria on Sunday.

"Police confirmed the killing of Mr Adeniyi Sanni. The wife told the police that her husband called saying he was stopped by 'some soldiers' demanding to see his papers.

"He was later found dead with about five bullet holes in his back and three shells of expended ammunition by his body. An investigation has commenced," Hundeyin said.

A statement signed by Adeola's spokesperson, Mr Kayode Odunaro, said the deceased's corpse was found with gunshot wounds when it was dumped at Toyota Bus Stop in the Oshodi area of Lagos on Saturday morning.

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According to Odunaro, information available to the bereaved Senator in Abuja indicates that Sanni was stopped at a checkpoint around the Berger area of Lagos on his way to his home at Isheri.

He said, "He was asked to provide the documents of the car he was driving, which he did through his wife who sent all the documents to his phone *WhatsApp*.

"It was gathered that the wife called a while later and the late Mr Sanni told him they were still checking the vehicle's papers.

"His apprehensive wife later called on Mr Sanni's associates to say he could no longer reach her husband on the phone necessitating the mobilisation of a search party."

The statement said Sanni's wife was later called by passersby through the next-of-kin phone number on his driver's licence that the body of her husband was dumped around Toyota Bus Stop, in Oshodi, with gunshot wounds.