

# Family seeks justice as police probe death of Rivers graduate

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THE Rivers State Police Command said it is investigating the reported death of a 24-year-old first class graduate of the Benson Idahosa University, Benin, Edo State, Rebekah Tamunotorukubu Sekidika, on February 2 in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

This is as the father of the deceased girl, Sampson Sekidika, is alleging foul play and negligence of duty on the part of the medical workers who carried out a procedure when the daughter visited the clinic for a routine check, leading to her death.

Sekidika, an employee of the Nigeria Liquefied Natural



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Gas, disclosed this while speaking to newsmen in Port Harcourt on Tuesday, even as he demanded justice and a thorough investigation into the circumstances that led to his

daughter's death.

He said, "Prior to February 2, my daughter had a brief clinical visit to Paragon Clinics and Imaging Diagnostics, situated at 96 Stadium Road.

"The complaint was that she had not seen her period for a while. So, she needed to know why it was that so. So, when she had the clinical visit, they subjected her to some test, including pregnancy test which came out to be all negative.

"Subsequently, they called her again to say she needed to see a specialist to be sure that there was nothing wrong with her. The specialist then booked an appointment with her to come on February 2 between midday and 1pm for a simple procedure they called hysteroscopy."

Sekidika claimed that his daughter was healthy and had no medical condition and that he drove her with the mother to the clinic but didn't meet the doctor when they got there between 12pm and 1pm. So they waited for him.

"I left them there to go and do one or two things and come back and meet them. After some two hours, around 3pm, I called my wife but she said the doctor hadn't come.

"She (Rebekah) was supposed to travel to the United Kingdom for her Masters and PhD programmes. Everything was set, flight booked, tuition paid, everything arranged.

"So by 4pm I called my wife but she said the doctor was still not around. So I said I will be coming to pick them since he hadn't come."

The father said when he got there around 5pm, they had already taken his daughter into the theatre around 4:30pm. He disclosed that when he asked why a theatre, they told him that was where they had the monitor, noting that he didn't know they were going to give his daughter a spinal anaesthetic.

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Uga, while emphasising on the issue of fatigue, urged drivers to always create time to rest. He equally charged passengers to always be on alert to correct any abnormality they notice in the

drivers, especially when such a driver was seen dozing while behind the wheels.

The sector commander commiserated with the families of the crash victims and prayed God to grant them the courage to bear the irreparable loss.

## anded for alleged N40m fraud

October 30, 2019, in the sum of N20m, drawn in favour of Twins Faja Nig Ltd, as part payment of a retuned of the N40m which he obtained through his company's account from Twins Faja Nigeria Limited.

He told the court that when the cheque was presented at the bank, it was rejected for lack of sufficient funds.

According to the prosecutor, the offences committed contravened Sections 1(1) of the Advance Fee Fraud and Other Fraud-related Offence Act, No. 14 of 2006 and were punishable under Section 1(3) of the said

Act. And Section 1(a)(i) of the Dishonoured Cheques (Offences) Act, 2004.

However, the defendant pleaded not guilty to the charge against him.

But the defendant's lawyer, E. N. Offiah, told the court that he had just been briefed on the matter and that he needed a short date to file his client's bail application.

Consequently, Justice Aluko remanded the defendant in custody and adjourned the case till March 11, pending the hearing and determination of the bail application.