

Police vow justice for guard killed during dog attack

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| One of the seized dogs.

The Lagos State Police Command says it will ensure that justice is served for the security guard killed when he was attacked by some dogs in the Pinnock Estate in the Lekki area of the state.

This is just as the police said they had confiscated the dogs and taken the owner, Salisu Mustapha, into custody.

The spokesperson for the command, Benjamin Hundeyin, disclosed this in a statement shared on X on Wednesday.

PUNCH Metro reported on Tuesday that the command arrested the owner of three dogs that allegedly attacked and killed the security guard.

In a viral video shared on X by a user with the handle @itzbasito, the unidentified security guard was seen lying dead as the Boerboel dogs approached his lifeless body.

The user had stated that the dog owner unknowingly allowed the dogs to roam freely, leading to the attack that claimed the life of the estate guard on Monday night.

Hundeyin, while confirming the incident in a post on his verified X handle on Tuesday, said, “The dog owner has been arrested and is in our custody.”

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But while giving an update on Wednesday, Hundeyin stated that the dogs were taken into custody while an investigation has commenced.

He also assured the public that justice would be served appropriately.

“Following the unfortunate mauling of a security man to death by three dogs in Pinnock Estate, Ilasan, Lekki on Tuesday, November 5, 2024, the Lagos State Police Command has arrested the owner of the dogs, Salisu Mustapha and confiscated the dogs pending the outcome of discreet investigations that have since commenced.

“The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Olanrewaju Ishola, assures residents of the estate and the entire people of Lagos State that the ongoing investigations will be brought to a conclusive end and justice will be served as appropriate,” Hundeyin stated.

PUNCH Metro reported in October 2022, that two German shepherd dogs were killed after biting a passerby, Hashiru Isah, to death in the Abule Egba area of the state.

A community leader had told *PUNCH Metro* correspondent on condition of anonymity for fear of being harassed, that some Hausa men, who were enraged by the death of their tribesman on the day of the incident, hunted down the dogs and killed them.

The source said the dogs escaped out of the church's premises because the church's gate was faulty.