

③ How man died in bid to bail detained wife – Police

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THE Enugu State Police Command has confirmed the death of a patent medicine dealer, Nnaemeka Ugwu, at the Nsukka Area Command during a visit to secure the release of his detained wife.

The command, in a statement, on Tuesday, however, denied that the deceased, who hailed from Umuezejor, Obollo-Afor in Udenu Local Government Area was tortured to death by its officers at the Nsukka Area Command.

Relations of the deceased in a viral video had alleged that some policemen harassed, detained, and tortured Nnaemeka to death when he visited the Nsukka Police Area Command to secure the release of his wife who was detained in the custody of the police.

However, the state command



•Enugu CP, Uzuegbu

denied the report, stating that Nnaemeka slumped at the command without being tortured, and was rushed to a hospital where he died.

The command's Police Public Relations Officer, Daniel

Ndukwe, said the reports that the victim was tortured to death were misleading and intended to mislead the public.

Giving an account of the incident, Ndukwe stated: "The command unequivocally states

that Nnaemeka was never arrested, nor was he harassed, tortured, or killed in police custody, as alleged.

"Contrary to these allegations, operatives attached to the Nsukka Area Command, in synergy with the Neighbourhood Watch Group, initially arrested one Jerry Uche (male, aged 27) for alleged armed robbery and the snatching and sale of stolen motorcycles.

"Further investigations led to the arrest of three more male suspects: Emenike Ezugwu (alias Eternal, aged 28), Omeje Chidera (alias Dakpor, aged 27), and Omeje Obinna (alias Obaino, aged 37).

"During the operations, the police recovered three locally made pistols, including a revolver, two live cartridges, three motorcycles allegedly snatched from victims, substances suspected to be Indian hemp and plastic-piped bottles used for consuming

methamphetamine (locally known as "Mkpoko Mmiri").

"Following their confessions, one of the suspects led operatives to Obollo-Afor, Udenu LGA, where individuals suspected of receiving stolen motorcycles were apprehended on February 6, 2025.

"Consequently, one Uroko Ifeanyi Moses (alias Sim-Card, aged 28) was identified and arrested. He confessed to the crime and led the operatives to recover two of the stolen motorcycles in Obollo-Afor. Other suspects were also arrested, including Mr Nnaemeka's wife, Ngozi Nnaemeka, in connection with the case."

He added, "On February 7, 2025, Nnaemeka, accompanied by one Hon Onyemaechi, visited the Area Command headquarters to secure his wife's release.

"During the visit, Nnaemeka

suddenly collapsed. He was immediately rushed to the hospital for treatment but was later confirmed dead by the

attending doctor. His remains have been deposited in the mortuary for preservation and autopsy."

Policeman remanded for al

Oluwaseyi Shaba and
Uthman Salami

AN Ogba Magistrate Court in Lagos State, on Tuesday, ordered the remand of 56-year-old policeman Owolabi Akinlolu at the Maximum Correctional Centre Kirikiri for allegedly raping a 17-year-old girl in his office.

Owolabi, a Deputy Superintendent of Police at the Ogudu Police Station in Lagos, allegedly raped the survivor in his office after promising to help recover her phone, which was stolen by one-chance robbers while she was returning from



•Akinolu

Ikeja with her grandmother and siblings.