

Hotelier Nabbed Over Death Of Sales Boy

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The owner of West End Guest House located in Obanla in Agbado area of Ogun State, Jerome Ajayi, has been arrested in connection with the mysterious death of his sales boy, Henry Joseph Okojie, whose corpse was found in a canal.

Before his death, young Okojie, it was learnt, had worked for Mr. Ajayi for about a year.

P.M.NEWS gathered that the deceased was living in the guest house where he worked.

According to one of his relations, Moses Afekhena, who is the President of the Fela Fans Club, the late Henry was not ill and could not have ran into the canal alone since he had no reason to do so.

"Information got to us that

our brother's body was in the canal in Oke-Ira. We then mobilised and brought out the dead body," he stated.

He claimed that when they contacted the owner of the guest house, he told them that he had a misunderstanding with the boy over money.

"The man said the late Henry could not account for N4,500 while reconciling the accounts for that day and while they were arguing over it, he ran out of the house," Afekhena said.

He disclosed that the guest house owner was later arrested and detained at the Agbado-Crossing Police Station.

Though the body of Henry has been deposited at the Ifo mortuary in Ogun State, no autopsy has been done on it yet.

"We paid some people N10,000 to get the corpse out

of the canal, but on close observation, we found out that the boy must have been used for rituals, because pins were inserted into several parts of his head," Afekhena claimed.

He called on the Police to investigate the issue and bring whoever is involved to book.

Ajayi, who was detained at Agbado Crossing Police Station, said the deceased was in charge of drinks at the guest house and was in the habit of not remitting his total sales.

"His account was not balanced on that Valentine Day. When he was rendering account, it was N 4,500 short. When I discovered that he was playing his usual pranks, I warned him to refund the balance or I would invite the police.

"But around 2 a.m., another boy working with me told me that Henry had fled. I called him

on phone. His phone was ringing but he did not answer his call. I used his colleague's phone to call, still he did not answer.

"I had to inform his relatives. I reported at the police station. His relatives and I searched for him until we discovered his body in the canal. Since then I have been held in the police station," said Ajayi.

A colleague of the deceased who gave his name as Sefiu Abiodun also confirmed to *P.M.NEWS* that the problem started when the deceased refused to render a proper account to the boss.

The police at Agbado Crossing Police Station confirmed that the matter had been transferred to the Ogun State Police Command at Eleweran in Abeokuta for investigation.