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April 22, 2010 15:27, 329 views By Gbenro Adesina/Ibadan

The Oyo State Police Command has dismissed a policeman, Sergeant Fakere Adegboyega attached to Agodi Divisional Police Headquarters in Ibadan for torturing a student suspect, Monsuru Akanji, to death in his cell.

Akanji, tortured to death by his IPO, Adegboyega, who has put in twenty years in service, was alleged to have stolen a laptop at Iwo road.

He was a student of The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Oyo State at the time he was arrested.

Parading the dismissed cop, Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Adisa Baba Bolanta, said that the death of the student was a shock to the police authourities, stressing that police tried their best to save the suspect's life by rushing him to Adeoyo State Hospital to no avail.

According to him, sequel to the conflicting reports on the death of the deceased, the command ordered a thorough investigation by the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), pointing out that the autopsy and the report of the SCID revealed that the dismissed officer exhibited acts that were at variance with his professional ethos, and training which the medical report suggested could have led to the death of the student.

"Based on the indicting report on the policeman, he was arrested and tried departmentally. He has since been dismissed from the police force and he would have been charged to court but for the judiciary workers' strike," he said.

Bolanta, who promised that the policeman would be charged to court as soon as the staff of the court resume work, commiserated with the family of the deceased and assured that justice would be done.

He said that a team to be led the Deputy Commissioner of Police, DCP Mohammed Ladan would pay a condolence visit to the family of the deceased on behalf of the command.

He reiterated zero tolerance to incivility and infringement on fundamental human rights of members of the public.

Ex-Sergeant Adegboyega, before he was taken back to the police cell at SCID, lyaganku, however, denied torturing Monsuru to death, saying that the victim died in the cell as a result of illness he was suffering from.

Senator Lekan Balogun, who is the uncle of the deceased, lauded the police command for dismissing the cop.

He demanded that full justice must not only be done but be seen to have been done.

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Na bcos of the Senator uncle.

Anyway sha....one down....one killer down.

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Good job but power must have changed hand for this dismissal to have taken place. How many police officers killing everyday has been dismissed? How many of the victims has a senator or highly connected people as relations? Who is fooling who?

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