

Onitsha security chiefs arrested for torturing ASTA official to death

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Two persons including two top officials of Onitsha Ado Vigilance Group, have been arrested for allegedly torturing an official of the Anambra State Traffic Agency (ASTA), Mr. Os-eloka Egbuche to death.

The incident happened when the deceased and other ASTA officials reportedly flagged down a motorist, heading to Enugu from Onitsha and in the process, allegedly extorted N40,000 from him.

It was further gathered that the motorist later went to the said Onitsha Ado vigilance group office to make his complaint and some members of the vigilance outfit, led by a top official arrested the deceased and his colleagues. But instead of taking him to the police, they allegedly tortured him until he produced the money he took from the motorist.

Sources stated that in the process of the torture, the ASTA official died, prompting the arrest of the security chief and one other member of the outfit.

Contacted on the incident, the inland town Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Adegbite Omotayo, confirmed the incident, adding that instead of bringing the suspect to the police station, the vigilance group allegedly tortured him to death.

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