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## Alleged murder: Tsav drags chemist, politician, cops before rights Commission

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Former Lagos State Commissioner of Police and human rights activist, Abubakar Tsav, has dragged a patent medicine dealer, a politician in Benue State, Yandev Ama-Abai and some police officers attached to the state police command before the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) over alleged murder of one Tersoo Orndiir.

In the petition entitled: Human Rights Abuse, Culpable Homicide and Conspiracy to Pervert the Course of Justice, Tsav alleged that the deceased, a mechanic and father of four, slumped and died after the patent medicine dealer identified as Emeka, administered an injection on him inside the patent medicine's store which he also runs as a provision store in Gboko, Benue State.

"Emeka did not report the incident to the police as required by law, but rather, thought of how he will secretly dispose of the body. In the process, he allegedly hit the deceased (Orndiir) on the head with an instrument to create a false impression that the deceased was attacked elsewhere.

"He then engaged a welder, Haruna Yusuf, to fabricate a drum for him. Meanwhile, he wrapped the body of Orndiir, in a polytene bag and hid it under some empty cartons in the provision part of his store. For three days, the body remained in the store without Emeka reporting to the police. His intention was to put the body in the drum and abandon it elsewhere," he stated.

Tsav alleged that luck ran out on the suspect as the decomposed body began to emit an offensive odour, which attracted people to the scene and on January 15, 2013, coloured fluid was noticed flowing out of the store, with offensive stench.

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"This attracted a large crowd including idle and disorderly persons, who were poised to break into the patent medicine store to see what was there. It was then that it occurred to Emeka to make a report of the death of his patient/victim to his Ibo brother who in turn, rushed and contacted Yandev Ama-Abai, a local politician, alleged to be a notorious patron of Gboko thugs.

"He (Ama-Abai) contacted the police, who along with him, visited the patent medicine store, opened it and saw the dead body of a human being wrapped in a polytene bag. They removed the body on January 15, 2013, which was already in the secondary state of petrification, to the general hospital mortuary in Gboko. The deceased's wife, Juliana alleged that the body had a big and open wound on the head.

"Emeka was arrested and briefly held in Area "B" Police Station and subsequently taken to Makurdi, where he was later released on bail after several weeks without a formal charge.

"The death was also not reported to the coroner for an inquest, neither did the police carry out any meaningful investigation. As usual they took directives from Yandev Ama-Abai a civilian. The body was buried on January 24, 2013 without any autopsy or proper investigation to ascertain the cause or causes of death. This is a gross dereliction of duty, which borders on corruption.

"Before then, the relation of the accused person along with the DPO "B" Division Gboko (Godwin Emenike) now retired, and about seven other policemen and several civilians including some five local chiefs, met with Yandev-Abai in his house several times to discuss the case, and to solicit for the cooperation of the police and Yandev Ama-Abai over this case involving a human life. On two occasions, they invited the wife of the Kate Orndiir (Juliana) to Yandev Ama-Abai's house over the issue," he stated.

Accusing the policemen of complicity, the retired police commissioner said: No display of professionalism, experience, integrity, dedication to duty and no patriotism on the part of the police.

"In a case of this nature, one would have expected the police to request for an autopsy on the body of the deceased to find out the cause of death, I even doubt that the police have a death certificate for the deceased. The police was supposed to search the patent medicine store to recover dangerous drugs to establish evidence of criminality and negligence and all other materials of evidential value to the case involving life," he stated.

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