

## Germany-based Nigerian cries to IGP over son's death

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A Nigerian woman based in Germany, Mrs. Florence Owoduni, has pleaded with the Inspector-General of Police, Ibrahim Idris, to investigate the death of her 20-year-old son, Edwin Owoduni.

Mrs. Owoduni said she did not believe the story that her son committed suicide

Said she: "I live in Bavaria in Germany with my son, Edwin. He was a citizen of Germany. He visited Nigeria; that was the fourth time he visited. The last visit was in March.

"While in Nigeria, Edwin was communicating with me and his siblings. He came for his paternal grandmother's burial. He was expected back in Germany on April 7, 2017, but he called that he had postponed his trip. That was the last time we heard from him. All efforts to reach him proved abortive. I also tried to contact his father, who refused to pick my calls.

"I was shocked to hear that my son committed suicide three months ago. We hired a private investigator. Edwin's elder brother in Germany has shown a message of distress Edwin sent to him, saying they chained him by the neck. When we replied the text to inquire more he did not respond again. We suspected his phone was seized. To this end, I don't believe in the theory of my son committing suicide.

"I want the Inspector-General of Police to thoroughly investigate this matter and bring whoever was involved in my son's death to book. He was used for rituals."

A police source at Force Criminal Investigation Department, Alagbon, Ikoyi, Lagos, where the case is being investigated, said: "We are investigating the case. The suspects have been invited and quizzed."