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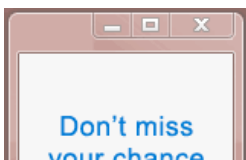
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### Nigeria: Commercial Sex Workers On the Run Over the Death of a 'Customer'

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Commercial sex workers at a popular hotel called Orosaye in the densely populated Ajegunle area of Lagos are currently on the run following the death of a customer whose lifeless body was found in one of the hotel rooms last Saturday.

The deceased whom Crime Guard gathered was a well known clearing agent at the Tin-Can Ports, Apapa, reportedly went to the hotel in the company of a lady. Another account however had it that he went to patronize one of the commercial sex workers. The deceased popularly called Galaxy by those who knew him, was reported to be a regular caller at the hotel until the unexpected happened.

The busy atmosphere along Boundary road occasioned by the presence of commercial sex workers in their numbers with different shapes, sizes and complexion that weekend, took a different dimension when one of the ladies reportedly whispered to her friend to immediately quit the zone.

The manner in which they both scurried away amidst the bubbling ambience was said to have aroused the curiosity of others, who were immediately alerted by the shout of help from inside.

Out of curiosity, majority of those who made for the direction of the alarm, were shocked as they beheld the body of Galaxy who earlier walked in looking hale and healthy, stone dead. Like lightening, they all vacated the zone for fear of possible arrest by the police.

Crime Guard reliably gathered that the floor of the hotel room where the deceased was found was littered with alcohol which the deceased apparently vomited. What transpired inside the room with the lady, remains a big puzzle to be unraveled by the police.

But there is a twist in the case as the management of the hotel claimed the deceased was never booked into any of the rooms that fateful day. A Police source said the deceased was actually seen by people inside the hotel at the bar. Investigations also revealed that he was really in the room few hours before he was found dead.

Meanwhile, the arrested commercial sex worker (name withheld) who alerted her other colleagues after the incident has reportedly denied ever attending to the deceased. Rather in her confessional statement to the police, she claimed she heard the deceased groaning from her room which was demarcated by wood. Out of curiosity she claimed to have rushed in, only to behold him on the floor and subsequently raised alarm.

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But preliminary investigation by the Police, as reliably gathered, revealed that the deceased could have died of exhaustive sex.

The arrested suspect is currently being detained at the State Criminal Investigations Department (SCID), Panti while the remains of the dead man has been deposited at the mortuary for autopsy.

#### Security Hints:

##### What to do when stopped by the police in your car

The police can stop you at any time whilst you are driving your car. It could be that the police are following up a radio message concerning a car just stolen or snatched in your area. It could also happen that the description of your car coincidentally matches the description of the car earlier reported stolen.

It could also happen that the police are simply carrying out routine anti-crime checks or even traffic checks. At other times, it could simply be that the police have reasonable cause to suspect either your person or your car. Perhaps, a car similar to yours had been involved in a crime in the recent past or even suspected to have been involved in a reported 'hit and run' accident case.

In either of these circumstances, the best thing to do is to gently pull up your car and park off the road- taking care to avoid causing traffic obstruction or other acts that may inconvenience other road users. You must not do anything that will further arouse the suspicion of the officer or suggest that you have the intention of escaping or committing further offence(s). If it is at night, turn on your inner light and show the officer that you have nothing to hide.

Keep your hands visibly on the steering and do nothing to suggest you are about to pull a weapon or conceal an incriminating item. It is also advisable to keep the volume of your car stereo low. It shows respect not to the officer as an individual but to the police as an institution of the state.

The officer will most likely ask you to identify yourself, demand for your driver's licence and request for other relevant particulars. This you must do. There are chances that the officer may allow you to proceed if all your papers are correct. If your papers are incorrect, this may provide the officer with further reason to conduct a more detailed search on either your vehicle or your person. In either case, you are expected to obey and comply fully as the officer is still clearly acting within the confines of the law.

During such search you are expected to remain calm and avoid comments or body language that suggests contempt, disrespect or outright antagonism. You are however free to make your observations and comments on the on-going operations. It is however advisable to limit such comments to only germane issues. Unnecessary side talks can be a source of distraction to both the officer and yourself. It could also complicate what ordinarily should have passed as a simple exercise.

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Your best bet is to closely monitor the actions or inactions of the officer and report any perceived excesses or infractions of your right to his superiors- either at the local police station, the office of the CP Monitoring Unit, Command Provost Department or the Public

Complaints Bureau situated at the Police Public Relations office closest to you.

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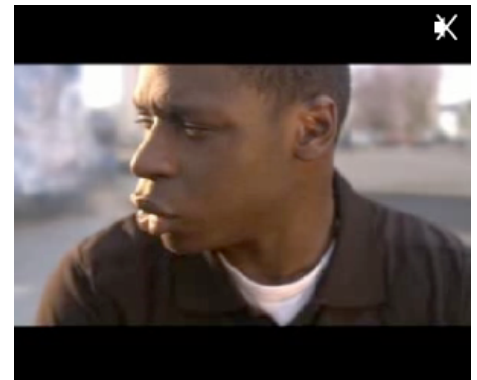
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