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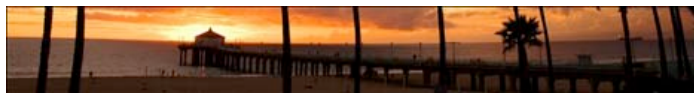
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Nigeria: Police Constable Dismissed for Allegedly Killing Security Man

14 June 2010

The Police Command in Lagos State has dismissed a police constable, Mohammed Abubakar, for allegedly killing a security man attached to the Ifako-Gbagada, Lagos branch of Intercontinental Bank Plc.

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Mr Frank Mba, the command's spokesman, said yesterday that the dismissal followed a directive from the Police Commissioner, Mr Marvel Akpoyibo.

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"The constable was dismissed after he was found guilty in an orderly room trial instituted by the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Mr Marvel Akpoyibo. The suspect is currently being held at the State CID, Panti, and will soon be charged to court for murder," Mba said.

The dismissed policeman was posted to the branch on May 2, the day of the incident.

A source said a customer of the bank, who could not cash money through the ATM machine decided to prevent other customers from using the machine.

This led to an argument between the customer and other customers on the queue and in the process, the late security man, Attah Jacob, 37, tried to intervene.

It was learnt that when the situation was degenerating, the security man went to call policemen guarding the bank from their post but was shot at by the constable when he knocked at the door.

Jacob was said to have died on the spot from the gunshot wound and Abubakar was later arrested by the other policeman guarding the bank but who was not within the bank premises at the time of the incident.

The remains of Jacob were deposited at the mortuary of Isolo General Hospital on the advice of the bank authorities.

The bank and family members later took the corpse to Ikeja General Hospital mortuary when they discovered that it was decomposing.

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The Media Relations Officer of Intercontinental Bank, Mr Oluwaseun Adesida, confirmed the incident but said the deceased was not an employee of the bank.

Adesida, however, said that the bank was doing something to help the family with the burial.

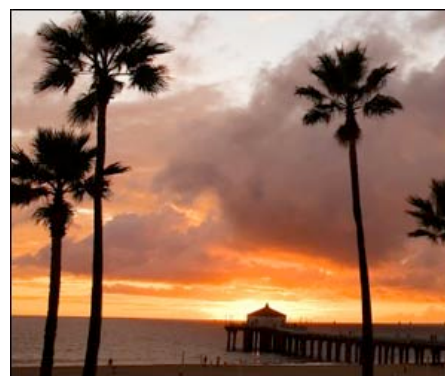
However, two family members of the deceased, Messrs Scotty Uso and Ini Udoh, said the bank had yet to fulfill its promise one month after their breadwinner was killed on duty.

Jacob was employed by Integrated Corporate Services, a security outfit in Ilupeju, Lagos.

Mr Wole Faweye, spokesman for the security outfit, confirmed that Jacob was

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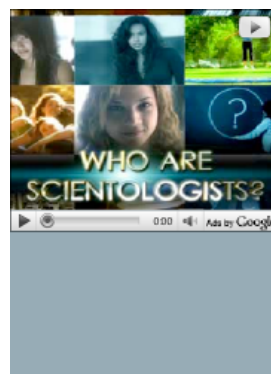
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an employee of the company who started work in April.

He said the company was working out some form of compensation for the family, including settlement of his entitlements, although the company's officials had yet to meet with the family.

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