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Community urges Lagos Police boss to probe death of constable's wife

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The sudden death of a middle-aged woman, Faith Adakole, wife of a Police Constable, Daniel Adakole, attached to Mopol 23, Lagos, is currently stirring controversy among residents of Agokome Village, in Badagry area of Lagos State, as they accused the husband of allegedly beating his wife to death.

Some residents, under the aegis of Concerned Citizens of Agokome Village, Badagry, have written a petition to the Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Umar Manko, asking him to launch an investigation into the circumstances surrounding the death of the woman, who is a native of Adoka, in Otukpo Local Government Area of Benue State.

They alleged that, PC Adakole, a native of Edumoga in Okpoku Local Government Area of Benue State, has been in the habit of beating his wife for long, but he ran into trouble on January 9, 2014, when his wife gave up the ghost few hours after another beating.

In the petition which was signed by one Mr. Badalola Awogi Amosu, the residents urged Manko not to allow a cover up of the matter as the Police Constable is capable of doing such. According to the petition, "We the Concerned Citizens of Agokome Village opposite Badagry wish in pains to write to the Commissioner of Police of the murder of late Mrs. Faith Adakole by her husband PC Daniel Adakole attached to Mopol 23 PMF Sqd Lion Building Lagos.

"That on January 9, 2014 in the evening time. We don't know the actual time the incident occurred. One of their neighbours heard shouts and screams from PC Daniel Adakole's apartment so she went into the room and she met the deceased crying and saying my husband has killed me. The neighbour asked two of their children, Wisdom and Destiny Adakole, who she met in the room with their mother, what was happening and the children said their father hit their mother in her stomach and pushed her to the bathroom before she started crying for help. PC Daniel Adakole rushed her to a nearby chemist when he knew that he could no longer control the situation and was advised by the chemist, to take her to the general hospital Badagry for further treatment. The next day, at about 3am the woman died.

“Sir, PC Daniel Adakole, has also ordered his senior son Wisdom Adakole not to talk to anybody about the cause of the death of their mother. But the second son by name Destiny can give details of the death of their mother.

“Sir, as we went further to inquire, one Cpl Sebastine Okwrudo, who serves at Morogbo Divisional Police Headquarters, Lagos, went to the scene and he can also testify on what he saw at the scene.

“Sir, PC Daniel Adakole is from Edumoga in Okpoku LGA of Benue State while the late wife Mrs. Faith Adakole is from Adoka in Otukpo LGA of Benue State. Sebastine may not like to open up because they are from the same village.

“We were told that the corpse will be taken down to Benue State the home town of the deceased on coming week for burial. Sir, if quick action is not taken, there is likelihood that the murderer will boot away. He is already noticing that people have known the role he played in the death of the wife.

“Sir, no day of the week that this man will not beat his late wife, it has become a weekly routine that he must beat the woman and we always advised him against his action. He will threaten us that we should know that he is a Mopol man and he always moves with gun into the house, so we are all afraid not to be killed or shot with his gun.

“Furthermore, we were reliably informed that he is due for promotion course. Also he has some Senior Police Officers and army Officers and some very Senior Civil Servants even from the area with the Minister of Interior so that is our fear now, if justice can be done because of the influential people behind him. Also we learnt that his unit Commander is from Idoma too, in case of any cover-up.

“Sir, we count on you that we will not be disappointed to wade into this case so that justice should be done, also the doctor's report will determine the cause of death.” It stated.

When Crime Alert contacted PC Adakole for comments through a phone number attached to the petition, he threatened to kill this reporter for accusing him of killing his wife. He also insisted that this reporter must visit him at Badagry if he wants to get his own side of the story. “You must come to Badagry with a copy of the petition and you must produce the man who signed the petition.

If you don't come to Badagry with that petition, I will trace you through your phone number and when I track you I will make sure I send you to your grave. You can come to Badagry with soldiers and policemen, if you think you are not safe but I can not meet with you in any other place, even at the State Command Headquarters Ikeja,” he threatened.

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