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Father petitions IGP over son's death in Police station

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AKURE—The father of a 20-year-old secondary school leaver, Oluwatobi Badmus, Chief Raheem Badmus, has petitioned the Inspector General of Police, Mohammed Abubakar, over the alleged killing of his son at 'B' Division Police Station in Akure.



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Badmus, a popular hotelier in the state, in his petition through his lawyer, Mr Bakare Asani, said his only son died as a result of the injury he sustained in police custody on the allegation of stealing a handset belonging to a prophet.

Badmus said the death of his son came to him as a rude shock because the boy was hale and hearty when he came to break his Ramadan fast with him on Monday.

The petition stated that the deceased was, before his death, living with his uncle, one Sola Oke, at Okuta Elerinla Estate.

According to him, "on July 21, 2014, the deceased called his younger sister, Seun Badmus, informing her of his arrest at 'B' Division, Akure on the allegation of stealing a handset.

"That sequel to the arrest, the complainant instructed Corporal Adesola Awodeyi, who happened to be his friend, to torture the deceased in order to admit the allegation of stealing against him," Badmus wrote.

The petition stated that the deceased was taken away for about 35 minutes.

It stated: "When the deceased was eventually brought back by Corporal Awodeyi, his face was swollen and his bulging eyes became so reddish to the extent that he could not compose himself as he complained of headache and stomach ache.

"That immediately the deceased was dropped, he started vomiting and foaming in the mouth and nose, and the deceased was taken to the hospital where he was confirmed dead.

"That throughout the period of arrest and the torture of our client's son by Corporal Ade Awodeyi, our client was not informed even up to his untimely death due to his torture.

"That it was immediately after the body of the deceased was deposited in the mortuary that somebody called his father, informing him that the body of his son was lying in the mortuary.

"We passionately appeal to you to use your good offices as a matter of utmost urgency to direct a detailed and comprehensive investigation into the circumstances that surrounded the mysterious death of Mr. Oluwatobi Badmus with a view to bring the perpetrators to justice."

Contacted, the Police image maker, Wole Ogodo, confirmed the death of the secondary school leaver.

Ogodo, however, said that the police authorities in the state have ordered a full scale investigation into the alleged death of the deceased.

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