



Edo Police contacts INTERPOL over fleeing alleged murderer

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BENIN CITY—THE Edo State Police Command has intensified the search for a fleeing murder suspect, identified as Christian Obiagwu based in the United States, as the command seek the extradition of the suspect through the help of INTERPOL.

The suspect is under investigation for last month's murder of his apprentice, identified as Tochukwu Nwagbala in Benin City. The corpse of Tochukwu, who was said to be the only child of his mother, was dumped on the Benin-Abuja Express Road.

Vanguard learned that the deceased boss, Christian informed the police at the Egba Division about the corpse after allegedly dumping it on the road and claimed he was only a Good Samaritan. The police however, took the corpse and placed the cause of death as 'sudden and natural.'

Unfortunately for Christian, eyewitnesses informed the police investigators how Tochukwu died shortly after Christian travelled back to America.

Counsel to the family of late Tochukwu, Lanre Adejunmobi, in a petition to the state Commissioner of Police, Chris Ezike, alleged that Christian and his accomplices tortured Tochukwu till he died.

In the petition, Lanre explained that late Tochukwu managed the businesses of the suspect each time he was abroad, adding that the deceased was beaten with cane and electric cable by his boss for several hours over poor sales until he fainted.

Lanre stated that Tochukwu was taken to Faith Mediplex hospital where doctors confirmed him dead.

The body of Tochukwu, according to Lanre, was later dumped on the road by his boss and the police used contacts on the cell phone they found on him to contact his relatives.

According to the petition, an autopsy conducted on Tochukwu said, he died of, "acute cardiovascular failure from severe torture" and alleged conspiracy in Police circles over the murder.