

N91m fraud suspect, Desmond Nunugwo, dies in EFCC detention

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A suspect under investigation by the Economic and Financial Crimes Commission died yesterday, a few hours after he was taken into custody, the commission has said.

In its statement announcing the demise of Desmond Nunugwo, the commission said Nunugwo was taken into its custody last night for defrauding an unsuspecting victim to the tune of N91 million.



EFCC operatives

The statement, which was signed by EFCC spokesman, Wilson Uwujaren, explained that the death of Nunugwo was confirmed at an undisclosed hospital where he was rushed to after he suddenly took ill.

According to EFCC, late Nunugwo fraudulently obtained N91million from an acquaintance after he tricked her into believing that he had high net worth business associates in Dubai, United Arab Emirates who were to buy Nikon Insurance and convinced her of their disposition to help her stock fish business.

Consequently, she wired N91m into Nunugwo's nominated account (Mainagghie General Merchants) in Diamond Bank.

After the transfer of the funds, Nunugwo became evasive forcing the complainant to report the transaction to the EFCC.

“Consequently, Nunugwo was arrested in Utako, Abuja at about 5.33pm on Thursday, June 9, 2016. His statement was taken, where he admitted receiving the

money from the complainant, with the additional information that he transferred N30m of the said money to Norway. But he could not explain the whereabouts of the balance of N61m.

“The suspect was detained at about 7.30pm, in the absence of anybody to take him on bail.

“Six hours later, he suddenly complained of discomfort and was rushed to the hospital where he was pronounced dead.

“The incident has already been reported at the Wuse Police Station, where investigation into the cause of the sudden death has commenced.”