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Man found dead in well 3 days after parents declared him missing

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THE Lagos State Police Command is currently investigating the circumstances that led to the death of a 36-year-old man, Victor Jegede, at Akintan Street, Ketu Alapere area of Lagos State.

It was learned that Jegede was declared missing by his father for three days, but was later found in a well in his parents' house on Sunday, August 19, by a tenant, who went to draw water.



The deceased was said to be suffering from depression after he graduated from the university, which prevented him from relating well with some of his friends in the street.

It was learned that the tenant, who discovered his remains, raised the alarm at about 11:30p.m. The body was evacuated from the well by officials of Lagos State Fire Service and deposited at a mortuary.

He was friendly—Resident

A resident of the area, who simply gave his name as Adekunle Yaya, said: “It was unfortunate that Uncle D, as we fondly called him, ended his life in that manner. He had been suffering from depression for about six years.

“We don’t know what actually led to his depression, but he, once in a while, usually played with his friends and those of us who are younger. But whenever he was depressed he stayed indoors.

“I wasn’t around when the incident happened. I knew that he was not feeling fine. There was a time his parents took him to hospital where he was treated and he became normal, but suddenly he changed again.

“I heard his remains were later brought out by the fire service men and deposited at the mortuary. I didn’t see him like someone who could commit suicide, because he was friendly to everyone in the community.”

Another resident, Dupe Olamide, said: “I was preparing to go out on the day, when I heard people screaming, calling his name; it was when I moved closer to their house that I discovered that Uncle D had jumped into a well and that his parents had earlier reported that he was missing at Alapere Police Station. His death is a surprise to me.”

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Chike Oti, said a sudden and unnatural death was reported at Alapere Police Station on August 19, at about 11:30p.m.

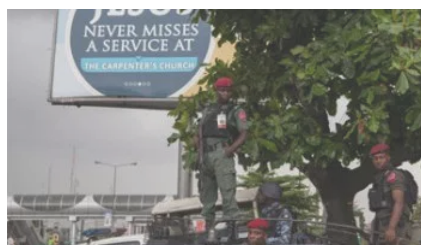
He added that one Jegede Adebayo of 6, Akintan Street, Alapere, Ketu, came to the Police station and reported that his son Victor Jegede, whom he had not seen for some days, was found dead inside a well in his compound.

Oti said same day the divisional police officer and his team visited the scene, removed the corpse and deposited it at a mortuary, adding that the case has been transferred to the homicide section at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panty, Yaba, for further investigation.

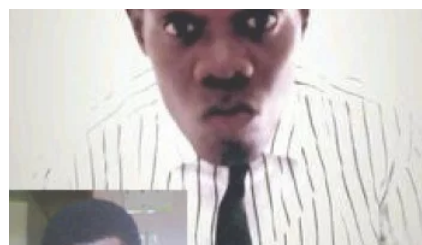
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