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Policeman facing murder charges commits suicide inside cell

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SUSPECTS in one of the cells at the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, SCIID, Yaba, woke up, yesterday, to find the lifeless body of a policeman dangling from the ceiling. He was said to have committed the act in order to avoid trial.

The deceased cop was identified as Inspector Okon Essien.

Late Essien, as gathered, was arrested on January 31, 2020, at Akodo area of Lagos, for allegedly shooting one Hassan Usman to death.

Police revealed that the deceased was arrested alongside three of his colleagues: Inspector Lawrence Adegboye, Inspector Olorunloju Olusegun and Sergeant Ovboghie Joseph.

They were said to have intercepted four suspects: Samson Ugonah, Omachi Godwin, Hassan Usman Stanley and Prosper Okoye, along Area 12, Offshore Oil, Dangote Refinery Project, in Akodo area of the state.

However, in the process, Essien allegedly pulled the trigger, releasing a bullet that snuffed life out of one of the arrested suspects, Musa.

Confirming the incident, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Elkana Bala, said: "His corpse has been deposited at the mortuary for autopsy."