

Lifeless body of private guard found inside Lagos haulage company

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LAGOS—The lifeless body of a 23-year-old private guard, Precious Garuba, was weekend found dangling from a ceiling fan in Royal Crown Haulage Company, Apple Estate, in the Amuwo Odofin Area of Lagos State.

He was found with his two hands bound and suspected to have been strangled.

The deceased left home for work on Saturday to return on Sunday, but never did. Rather, his guardians were contacted by Policemen from the Festac Division who broke the news of the tragedy to them.

Speaking with *Vanguard*, his guardian, Mrs Pat Najomoh, said: "He worked for 24 hours. He usually returned home the next day. He left for work on Saturday, but on Sunday, the manager of the private security company called my husband, who was in Ore, Ondo, heading for Lagos. I was in church when my husband's call came. He told me to go to Festac Police Division in company of one of his friends to find out what the problem was.

"From the police station, we went to the company where the padlock of the room Precious slept was found unlocked. When the door was opened, we saw that he was hung to the fan with his two hands



The company premises (INSET): Late Precious Garuba.

ties to the front.

"Late Precious never told us he had any issue with anyone. Someone said they saw somebody entering the company the previous night. Late Precious was a gentle and easy-going person."

Her husband, Ovie, said there were no mark of violence on the corpse when he went to inspect it at the mortuary.

He added that the Police would be conducting a COVID-19 test on the corpse, before an autopsy would be

carried out, as part of an investigation into the matter.

Vanguard gathered that two persons have been arrested and were being interrogated by detectives at the State Criminal Investigation Department, in the Yaba area of Lagos. Both are reportedly colleagues of the deceased.

Also, the two owners of the company, as gathered, were invited for questioning.

The Police, however, did not state whether it was a case of suicide or murder, saying that would be determined at the end of the investigation.