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Justice K.O. Alogba, Hon. Chief Judge, Lagos State Judiciary, High Court of Lagos State, Ikeja, Lagos.

LETTER OF PROTEST AGAINST THE BAIL GRANTED TO FIVE STUDENTS OF DOWEN COLLEGE WHO ARE SUSPECTS IN A CASE OF MURDER OF SYLVESTER OROMONI (INR) 'M' AGED 12 YEARS

This office is investigating a case of brutal murder of one Sylvester Oromoni (Inr) 'm' aged 12 years reported through petitions from Law Firm of Falana & Falana & Co. and V.O. Grant & Co. against five students of Dowen College, Lekki, Lagos.

The alleged students viz: Favour Benjamin 'm', Michael Kashamu 'm', Edward Begue 'm', Kenneth Inyang 'm' and AnselTemile 'm' were arrested and interrogated. A Remand Order was duly procured from Chief Magistrate Court 1, Yaba for their remand at Boys Home, Oregun, Lagos, while the case was adjourned till 28/12/2021. The remand order is to ensure an indepth and thorough investigation into the matter.

It is imperative to inform you that, while the Investigating Police Officers were at the Boys Home eliciting and recording more statements from the students based on fresh intelligence report, the Magistrate was entertaining an application of bail from the parents of the students. This came as a rude shock to the process of the ongoing investigation.



This act is capable of attracting negative reactions from the members of the public and paint the Police and Judiciary as key agent of the criminal justice system not committed to ensuring that justice is served transparently.

The case is in the public domain which has attracted comments nationally and internationally, and as such must be thoroughly investigated to a logical conclusion.

It is a known fact that, case(s) of Murder are meticulously handled to ensure state, suspect(s) and victim(s) get fair justice at the completion of investigation.

The procedural justice system, made it mandatory for Law Enforcements to remand suspect(s) while investigation is on going and to equally ensure that casefile(s) is / are sent to the office of Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for vetting and legal advice, and to await same, before a position is taken by the Magistrate.

It is my humble request, that in view of this, the bail already granted should be revoked immediately and the Boys be returned to the remand home pending the conclusion of the ongoing investigation.

Accept the assurances of my esteemed regards, as always, please.

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For: Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Ikeja, Lagos.

CC:

Mr. BabajideOliusholaSanwo-O Governor of Lagos State, Ikeja, Lagos.



