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*The Commissioner of Police,  
The Nigeria Police Force,  
Department of Finance and Administration,  
State Headquarters,  
Ikeja, Lagos.*

**INTERIM POLICE INVESTIGATION REPORT**

**RE: CASE OF SUSPECTED MURDER OF ONE SYLVESTER OROMONI 'M' (JNR) AGED 12 YEARS**

**CR/NO: 3956/2021**

**COMPLAINANT:** SYLVESTER OROMONI (SNR) 'M'

**SUSPECTS:**

(1)	ANSEL TEMILE	'M' AGE 14 YEARS
(2)	MICHAEL KASHAMU	'M' AGE 15 YEARS
(3)	KENNETH INYANG	'M' AGE 15 YEARS
(4)	FAVOUR BENJAMIN	'M' AGE 16 YEARS
(5)	EDWARD BEGUE	'M' AGE 16 YEARS
(6)	VALENTINE IGBOKWE	'M' AGE 45 YEARS
(7)	AHMED BARIYU	'M' AGE 52 YEARS
(8)	ADESANYA OLUSEGUN	'M' AGE 42 YEARS

**I.P.O(S):** DSP. BAMIDELE OLUSEGUN AND TEAM



**INTRODUCTION:** This deals with a case of Suspected Murder of one Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm', a JSS 2 student of Downen College, Lekki, Lagos, which was reported via a written petition dated 01/12/2021 from the law firm of V.O. Grant & Co; on behalf of one Sylvester Oromoni (Snr) 'm', against one Ansel Temile 'm' and four others. The case was initially handled by the Maroko Divisional Headquarters, Lagos before it was subsequently transferred to this Department on 06/12/2021, for discreet investigation.

It should be noted, that the father of the deceased Sylvester Oromoni (Snr) 'm' had earlier lodged a complaint of the death of his son at the Area Command, Nigeria Police Force, Warri, Delta State.

The complainant adduced in his written petition that the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' in his dying declaration stated that, he was bullied and tortured by Michael Kashimu 'm', Favour Benjamin 'm' Ansel Temile 'm' and two others for refusing to join their cult group and was forced to drink liquid substance, suspected to be poisonous.

2. **FACT OF THE CASE:** The fact of the case is that, on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, at about 1030hrs, the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' was confirmed dead on allegation based on bullying and torturing against the above mentioned suspects.

3. **INVESTIGATION:** On the receipt of the casefile, the complainant and witnesses volunteered their statements, while cautionary statements were recorded from the suspects.

(a) A duly remand order was obtained at Yaba Magistrate, to remand the five (5) students at Boys Home, Oregun while the three (3) Hostel Masters were detained in the Department.





(b) On 09/12/2021, the parties comprising of the deceased family, the school management, eye witnesses were interviewed by the Commissioner of Police, CP. Hakeem Odumòsu at the State Headquarters. At the meeting, the Commissioner of Justice and Attorney General and Commissioner for Education Lagos State commiserated with the deceased family and assured them that justice will be adequately served on the phone, which was on speaker. There the Attorney General made it known that arrangement has been concluded for the corpse of the deceased to be brought to Lagos for another Autopsy which will be attended by all parties. He added that the State Government will take care of all expenses concerning the Autopsy and movement of the corpse.



(c) On 10/12/2021, the scene of the incident (Downen College), which was shut down on the order of the State Government was visited by the detectives from this Department, representative of the family of the deceased, the school management and staff of the Ministry of Education, Alausa, Ikeja, for fact finding.

(d) A duly signed Coroner forms were served on Government Pathologist. Equally, all necessary arrangements has been made to bring the corpse of the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) from Warri, Delta State to Lagos State, for an Autopsy, which will be conducted by the Pathologist at the Lagos University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja.

(e) In order to have a transparent postmortem examination, all parties concerned have been duly informed in writing to either be present or send a representative on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2021, when the postmortem examination will be conducted.

(f) The investigating Police Officer, DSP. Bamidele Olusegun travelled to Abuja, to record statements from two eye witnesses, one Tamara Wilson 'f' and Tarila Wilson 'm'.

(g) A duly signed Coroner forms were served on Government Pathologist(s) at the Lagos State <sup>UNIVERSITY</sup> Teaching Hospital (LASUTH) for the performance of post mortem examination.

(h) The body of late Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' was brought from Warri to Lagos on 13/12/2021 for the performance of a second Autopsy.

(i) The Post Mortem Examination was performed on 14/12/2021, at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja, Lagos.

(j) In order to have a transparent post mortem examination, devoid of any accusation, all parties to the case were communicated in writing to send their representative





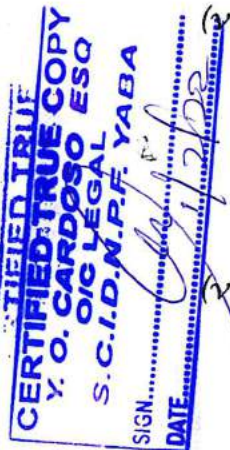
(Pathologist) to observe the performance of the Post mortem examination. The following Pathologists representing their various parties were present, Dr. Stephen Musa, Dr. Kabiru Badmus, Dr. Uwom Eze, Dr. Vincent Vhilerehei and Dr. Nwigwe Chikodi.

4. FINDINGS: During the investigation, the following facts emerged;-

- (i) That the complainant is one Sylvester Oromoni (Snr) 'm', the father of the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr), a JSS 2 student of Downen College.
- (ii) That the prime suspects are one Michael Kashimu 'm' 15 years, Kenneth Inyang 'm' 15 years, Favour Benjamin 'm' 16 years, Ansel Temile 'm' 14 years, Edward Bague 'm' 16 years, Valentine Igboke Eze 'm' 45 years, Ahmed Bariyu 'm' 52 years and Adesanya Olusesan 'm' 42 years.
- (iii) That the deceased was allegedly bullied and tortured by the prime suspects.
- (iv) That the suspects and school management stated that the deceased was not tortured, but sustained injury during a football match.



- (v) That the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' was seen by the doctor at the sick bay on 22<sup>nd</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, complaining of pain on his leg.
- (vi) That the doctor informed the mother of the deceased Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' of his state of health. One Ogenenovo Tejere 'm', a family friend was instructed by the deceased family to proceed to the school and take him away for proper medication.
- (vii) That on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021, Ogenenovo Tejere 'm' went to the school, saw the state the deceased was, carried him to his car and took him to his house.
- (viii) That on 26<sup>th</sup> November 2021, the father of the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' took the deceased to Warri, Delta State, by road.
- (ix) That the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' was seen in a video that has gone viral writhing in pain as a result of alleged torture and forceful drinking of a liquid substance suspected to be poisonous.
- (x) That the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' did not reveal the cause of the deep pain he was suffering, until 29<sup>th</sup> of November, 2021, when he allegedly stated to his parents, in what looked like a dying declaration, that he





was tortured in the hostel by Michael Kashamu 'm' 15 years, Kenneth Inyang 'm' 15 years and Favour Benjamin 'm' 16 years, and given a liquid substance to drink and that he was afraid to say this, all along, because they warned him of the consequences of revealing what happened to him to anybody.

(xi) That the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' eventually gave up the ghost on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021, while he was on the way to the hospital.



(xii) That it should be noted, the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' was not taken to any hospital or medical facility while at home, rather a family doctor came to attend to him, till he gave up the ghost.

(xiii) That the three house masters, presently in custody denied knowledge of the alleged torture, bullying and application of liquid substance, suspected to be poison, on the deceased.

(xiv) That the five (5) suspects in custody denied the allegation of bullying, torture and giving the deceased liquid substance, suspected to be poisonous substance to drink.

(xv) That the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' was a friend to some senior students in the hostel who normally called him to play football with them.

(xvi) That sometimes in the past, before the death of the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm', there was an incident whereby Favour Benjamin 'm' beat the deceased for disclosing to his sister, Amanda Oromoni 'f' how he was forced to describe his sister private part. However, the incident was not given attention by the school authority

(xvii) That Tarila Wilson 'm' confirmed that the deceased played football on Saturday sustained injury. According to him, the deceased also played football on Sunday when he sustained serious injury. That on Monday, when he met the deceased in the school he looks "terrible" and was assisted to the sick bay where the nurse attended to him.

(xviii) That Tarila Wilson 'm' stated that Favour Benjamin 'm', Michael Kashamu 'm' and Ansel Temile 'm' took the deceased to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor to prevent students on 2<sup>nd</sup> floor from witnessing how the deceased was being bullied and beaten. However, there is no concrete evidence to back up the claim.

(xix) That the following students; Nwofor Chibuikem 'm', Brodien-mends Babatunde 'm', Titoluwanimi Odeneye 'm', Ezike Praise 'm', Campbell Adeleke 'm' and Olaitan Temiloluwa Joshua 'm' invited to the Department stated





that, there was no incident of either torture or bullying of the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm'.

(xx) That Olaitan Temiloluwa Joshua 'm' and Campbell Adeleke 'm' confirmed playing football with the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm', on the 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November, 2021 and was seen with injury thereafter.

(xxi) That the allegation of bullying, beating and forcing of chemical substance down the throat of the deceased could not be substantiated with concrete evidences.



(xxii) In addition, from the records, one of the suspects, Edward Begue 'm' was issued a letter of working suspension by the school authority dated 23/05/2019 for inappropriate behaviour, to clean his classroom on 23<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2021, for eating popcorn while a teacher was in class and eventually spat some on the teacher.

(xxiii) That equally, another suspect, Kasamu Michael 'm' was issued a letter of suspension by the school authority, dated 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019, from school between 5<sup>th</sup> March 2019 - 11<sup>th</sup> March 2019, for bullying and physically assaulting a fellow student, one Okeke, who has since left the school.

5. CONCLUSION: It is to be noted that when the deceased, Sylvester Oromoni (Jnr) 'm' passed on 30/11/2021, the Area Commander Warri caused an Autopsy to be performed on the deceased after the case was reported. The report of the Autopsy according to Dr. Clement Vhriterhire, a Consultant Pathologist with the Central Hospital, Warri attributed the cause of death to Acute Lung Injury due to Chemical Intoxication in a background of Blunt Force Trauma.



Meanwhile, a second Autopsy was caused to be performed by the Coroner Magistrate in Lagos because of the status of jurisdiction. And in addition, in order to have a transparent and an unbiased Post Mortem Examination, all parties (Pathologists) to the case were represented to observe the performance of the Post Mortem Examination at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja. The following pathologist representing their various parties were present; Dr. Stephen Musa, Dr. Kabiru Badmus, Dr. Uwom Eze, Dr. Vincent Vhilerehei and Dr. Nwigwe Chikodi.

Hence, the report of the Autopsy attributed the cause of death to (a) Septicaemia (b) Lobar Pneumonia with Acute Pyelonephritis and (c) Pyomyositis of the Right Ankle.

According to Dr. S.O Shoyemi, the Chief Examiner of the department of pathology and forensic sciences, Lagos State



University Teaching Hospital, Ikeja, Lagos (LASUTH), the cause of death in simple term is as a result of virus / bacterial infection which affected the deceased; Sylvester Oromoni Jnr. internal organ and not as a result of torture and injection of substance in his system.

It is evidently clear that, some group of students constitute themselves into a clique, that bullies and intimidate fellow students in the school. A glaring example is Michael Kahsamu 'm' and Edward Bague 'm', who were earlier reprimanded for bullying other students.

The three house masters; Valentine Igbokwueze 'm', Ahmed Bariyu Ayomo 'm' and Adesanya Olusesan 'm' are negligent, passive and failed to take decisive action when cases of inappropriate behavior are reported to them.

Furthermore, the allegation of putting off the light in the deceased's room, bullied and beaten could not be proven as all eye witnesses denied that such incident never happened.

However, may I recommend that, the three (3) House Masters, Valentine Igbokwueze 'm', Ahmed Bariyu Ayomo 'm' and Adesanya Olusesan 'm', may be admitted to administrative bail, while the casefile will be duplicated and forwarded to the



office of Directorate of Public Prosecutions (DPP) for vetting and legal advice.

6. Above for your information, please.



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