

Legalised murder

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According to the [Inquest](#) website there have been 1460 deaths of people while in police custody between 1990 – 2013.

This figure takes in police pursuits etc.

However, even the [BBC](#) questions this figure as being low.

Even more alarming is the fact that the last time a police officer was found guilty of a death in custody was in 1969.

[Source](#)

Not good enough, I'm afraid. Not by a long chalk.

Investigation into death of man arrested by Derbyshire police

By [Derby Telegraph](#)

Wednesday, April 24, 2013

By Aly Walsh

THE death of a 31-year-old man who died following his arrest by Derbyshire police is being investigated by the Independent Police Complaints Commission.

Police say David Stokes, from Birmingham, was in a car travelling towards Chesterfield that was stopped by police near the A617 at about 12.40pm on Friday.

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The man was arrested by Derbyshire police

The force has told the IPCC that the car was stopped close to the junction of Calow Lane, Cock Alley and Hallflash Lane as part of a pre-planned operation and that Mr Stokes was arrested at the scene.

According to early police accounts, he became unwell as he was being taken to Chesterfield police station.

Officers said they diverted to Chesterfield and North Derbyshire Royal Hospital arriving at 1.04pm.

Mr Stokes was pronounced dead at 1.37pm.

The IPCC is now want to speak to anyone who saw police stop the car or arrest Mr Stokes.

The incident was referred by Derbyshire police to the IPCC and an investigator was sent to the scene.

Following an assessment of the referral, an independent IPCC investigation was launched at 8.40pm on Friday.

IPCC staff have met with members of Mr Stokes' family.

The police van Mr Stokes was travelling in has been seized for forensic examination and CCTV footage from other police vehicles obtained.

A post mortem was carried out on Saturday evening but a cause of death was not established. Further tests are now being carried out.

IPCC Commissioner James Dipple-Johnstone said: "I would like to extend my sympathies to Mr Stokes' family and to assure them that the full circumstances surrounding the contact he had with police on Friday, April 19, will be investigated fully."

The IPCC, which is independent of the police, would like to speak to anyone who saw police stop the car or the arrest of Mr Stokes. Anyone with information is urged to call the IPCC on 0800 096 9070 or email stokes@ipcc.gsi.gov.uk.

[Engineering student passes away while in custody at Durham prison](#)

Nigerian Watch

Written by Manager2

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✘ NIGERIAN engineering student Boniface Umale has died in police custody at a Durham prison in mysterious circumstances after he was detained for an unknown offence.

Mr Umale was studying for a masters degree in pipeline engineering at Northumbria University in Newcastle when he was arrested on March 24. Details are still unavailable regarding the offence he committed but he was detained at Her Majesty's Prison in Durham where he passed away under mysterious circumstances.

Shocked by the development, his friends have got together and hired a solicitor to delve into the matter and have written to the Nigerian high commission in London asking it to demand

answers. They are also asking for a post-mortem to find out exactly what led to Mr Umale's death.

Barrister Adeniji of Rock Solicitors, the lawyer hired to pursue the case originally apparently turned up at the prison to see his client only to be told that his body was being prepared for cremation. He was hired by the Idoma community in the UK, who are desperately seeking answers about what happened to one of their kinsmen.

According to an Idoma community spokesman, no one was informed of Mr Umale's arrest and it was not until much later that it was discovered he was in custody. Mr Umale graduated in 2008 with an MSc degree in project management from Northumbria University and started another MSc programme thereafter, which he was doing until his demise.

Daniel Okpla, a spokesman for the Idoma community, said: "HMP Durham could not confirm if he was convicted of any crime and have not submitted any autopsy report to the Nigerian high commission despite several requests by it and the Idoma community in diaspora. Without confirmation from the Nigerian high commission, HMP Durham has indicated her intention to proceed with cremating the body without following due process.

"Family, friends and the entire Idoma community in diaspora have made it clear that cremation is culturally unacceptable and arrangement must be made to repatriate the body to the family at Otukpo, Benue state for a befitting burial. It is completely unacceptable that HMP Durham seem to be sweeping this matter under the carpet."

He added that Mr Umale's family and friends need to know when and why was he was arrested, the level of care and support he received while in police custody prior to arriving at the HMP Durham and why the police and the authorities failed to notify any one in UK or Nigeria of his arrest and detention until his death. Mr Okpla said his community would also like to know if Mr Umale's death was racially motivated or due to gross negligence and whether he was in solitary confinement without appropriate monitoring and risk assessment.