

2 nabbed for murder of JAMB candidate

By **Christopher Oji**

THE Lagos State Police Command has arrested two suspects, Elijah Emmanuel and Tony Oghanetega, for allegedly killing a 17-year-old Joint Admissions and Matriculation Board (JAMB) student, Thompson Omokhafa Adams.

The suspects confessed to detectives investigating the matter, detailing how they killed the teenager.

They told police that they murdered the boy because he identified one of them.

Investigation also revealed that the suspects had, in November 2025, abducted a female victim and killed her after collecting a N300,000 ransom from her family.

Elijah Emmanuel, 23, and Tony Oghanetega, 21, were among the 116 suspects arrested by the command in the last one month.

Commissioner of Police (CP) Tijani Fatai, at a press briefing yesterday, said:

"In line with this commitment, the command recorded remarkable operational successes within April 2026, resulting in the arrest of numerous criminal suspects involved in armed robbery, cultism, kidnapping, vandalism, unlawful possession of firearms, street violence and other related offences.

"These achievements further reaffirm our resolve to rid Lagos State of criminal elements and sustain peace, safety and public confidence in policing.

"The achievements include the arrest of 118 sus-

pects; recovery of 11 locally fabricated Beretta pistols, one locally made pistol, one English Beretta pistol, two Dane guns, nine telecom power batteries, four cutlasses, one knife, one bag of substances suspected to be Indian hemp, assorted charms and other incriminating items."

CP Tijani told newsmen that on April 27, 2026, operatives of the command, acting on credible intelligence, traced and arrested two suspected kidnappers at Lucy Fibre area, Ikorodu, Lagos.

"The suspects are Elijah Emmanuel, 23, and Tony Ekwane Oghanetega, 21.

"Preliminary investigation revealed that the suspects

are linked to the kidnapping and gruesome murder of Thompson Omokhafa Adams, 17, which occurred on April 22, 2026.

"Further interrogation revealed that the suspects had earlier kidnapped and murdered a female victim on November 30, 2025, during which a ransom of N300,000 was paid by the victim's family.

"One of the suspects, Tony Oghanetega, confessed that they killed the boy while he was returning from a JAMB centre.

"It was his partner, Elijah, who was close to the boy and lured him to where he was killed.

"They tied his legs and hands before strangling him

to death. Tony first strangled him and, when he became tired, Elijah also strangled him to ensure he was dead."

The CP, who raised the alarm over rising cases of cultism, advised parents to monitor their children.

"Beyond parents, religious and traditional rulers also have roles to play in curbing the spread of cultism in Lagos. We have been doing our best through sensitisation, arrests and prosecution, but the more we arrest, the more they emerge. It is becoming alarming.

"As elections gather momentum, we warn unscrupulous politicians to desist from engaging thugs and cultists."

Effurun shooting: Police dismiss ASP, 5 others

From **Molly Kilete, Abuja**

THE Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mr. Olatunji Disu, has ordered the dismissal of ASP Nuhu Usman and five other officers involved in the brutal killing of Mene Ogidi, at Effurun, Delta State.

He described the incident as criminal and unprofessionalism and ordered the criminal prosecution of all the suspects.

Disu, who gave the order in Abuja, said he had already forwarded the recommendations for their dismissal to the Police Service Commission (PSC) for final ratification in line with constitutional requirements.

At a media briefing in Abuja, he commiserated with the family, friends, and community of the late Ogidi, calling for calm

and assuring that justice would not only be done but seen to be done.

He also appealed to the residents of Delta State and the nation at large to remain calm and law-abiding and not take the law into their hands.

He said: "The era of impunity is over. We are demonstrating that every citizen, regardless of his or her uniform, is accountable under the law.

"I address you today with a heavy heart but an unwavering resolve. On April 26, a tragic incident occurred in Effurun, Delta State, leading to the death of a citizen, Mene Ogidi. An officer of the Nigeria Police Force, ASP Nuhu Usman, acting in a manner that betrayed his oath, took the life of a citizen extrajudicially.

"Let me be clear: This action is criminal, unprofessional and has no place in the Nigeria Police Force."

He described the incident as sad, saying, "Upon receiving the report, I ordered the immediate transfer of all involved officers from the Delta State Command to the Force Headquarters in Abuja. The officers were compelled to face the full weight of our internal disciplinary machinery without delay.

"The Force Disciplinary Committee (FDC) is already in session and I directed that ASP Usman and the other Superintendent of Police face the FDC directly. Simultaneously, the three Inspectors involved were tried by the Orderly Room Tribunal.

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