



CRIME BEAT

with Lukkey Abawuru



I killed 65yr-old man for ₦15,000 —Murder suspect

It is unbelievable that some body could kill fellow being for just ₦15,000. It is more worrisome to hear that a man who is already nearing his grave at 65 could be gruesomely killed because of that amount of money. How could one think of wasting the precious life that God, Almighty gave to his fellow man?

This was exactly the case of a 65 year old man, Baba Ali of Awoyaya Street, Ibeju Lekki, Lagos who was recently stabbed to death by a 19 year old hired assassin Gani Hamidu in Lagos.

Aside from killing the man, the assassin who claimed that one man gave him part payment of ₦4,000 also killed three fowls belonging to the deceased.

He claimed that he drank a concoction which made him to be thirsty for blood.

"I can kill for any price provided you give me some bottles of drinks to shine and clear my eyes. I didn't know his offence with the man but my client asked me to waste him. If am paid to kill my client I would also do same. My own is to get customers and satisfy them."

Hamidu who spoke via an interpreter said he used the part payment, earlier given to him, to procure some charms and settle his girl friend. He noted that after drinking the concoction given to him by his herbalist, he proceeded to the house of the man unmasked to cut off his throat.

"After shinning my eyes I headed straight to the man's house at the above address. I was blood thirsty and when I couldn't see him, I slaughtered three fowls that were tied to a stick in his compound. My blood was still hot and I decided to go but unfortunately for the deceased, he just walked in and I didn't waste time to cut him to sizes. He cried like a baby but my ears were already blocked to hear his last cry."

He added that he could not collect his balance as the shout of the man attracted the attention of neighbours who alerted the police.

Before I could get to the house of my client who also lived in same community, he had escaped because he had already got the wind that police were after me. What happened to me is not ordinary. I believe that some forces greater than the ones I know are after me. A times after doing evil, I would repent but after some times you see me going through same way. I dropped out of Junior secondary school."

However Lagos state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Samuel Jinadu, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, DSP, said it was regrettably that the suspect carried out the dastardly act on the old man for a paltry sum of ₦15,000.

He said although the cause of the assassination was yet to be ascertained, the suspect would be charged for murder.

Explaining how police got involved in



19 year old Ahmidu

the matter, Jinadu said the suspect went to the house of the deceased on that fateful day but could not meet him. The Police spokesman disclosed that the suspect killed three fowls in the deceased house in a bid to quench his blood thirst.

Jinadu noted that police preliminary investigation revealed that he killed the man while he was leaving the man's compound. He argued that the deceased was just returning from the Mosque where he had gone to pray, not knowing that death was lurking at his corner. He added

that neighbours who witnessed the incident contacted the police.

He met the victim returning from the Mosque where he had gone to pray and then promptly stabbed him to death with his dagger."

He noted that the case has been transferred to the State Criminal and Investigation Department (SCID).

In a related development, a 17 year old teenager apprentice, Musliu Salu is now cooling in the police net for allegedly killing his colleague, Adeyeye over Ludo game.

Daily Champion gathered that the deceased and the suspect were playing the game in their workshop when the trouble started. According to eyewitness, the deceased was winning the suspect and as such, called the suspect derogatory names, including my wife, my boy shoe-shiner etc and all such names that characterize the game. The act angered the suspect who challenged "his husband" which resulted in a fight. The source said the suspect used an iron to stab the deceased to death.

However Police from Ibeju Lekki who arrested the hired assassin also killed a four-man armed robbery gang that specialized in bearking into shops at Aiyeteju, in Ibeju-Lekki area.

The suspects were alleged to have carted away clothes and phone accessories worth thousands of naira from three shops.

According to Jinadu, one of the victims identified as Mrs. Kikelomo Adebisi had reported at the Elemoro Police Station that one Toyin Abudu had broken into her shop carting away her goods with that of her neighbours.

He argued that on interrogation, the 22 year-old suspect he said confessed and fingered three of his friends as his accomplices. They include Sarafa Agoro, 30, Ojo Omo-oni and a 36 year-old Sheyi Echiqozor respectively.

"I can kill for any price provided you give me some bottles of drinks to shine and clear my eyes. I didn't know his offence with the man but my client asked me to waste him. If am paid to kill my client I would also do same. My own is to get customers and satisfy them."

Fake 'EFCC' officials invade Lagos, raid biz centers

RESIDENTS of Shomolu in Lagos have alerted police authorities in the state that people suspected to be fake official of Economic and Financial Crimes Commissions EFCC have invaded the community, extorting money and closing business centers and shops.

They therefore called on the Commissioner of police, Mr Yakubu Alkali to investigate the matter with a view to bringing the culprits to book.

The residents of the area alleged that their appeal followed serial raids on business centers, shops by the gang, allegedly led by one Ibrahim Balogun, a.k.a small J.

They argued that the fake officers operate as EFCC officials in the day and break into shops at night thereby making life miserable for the residents.

In their petition to Alkali they alleged that the suspects, numbering about four, popularly tagged themselves as the EFCC boys subject the residents to undue attacks and wanton destruction of property.

One of the victims, Mr. Olatunde Oladipo, a printer in Shomolu said he has petitioned the commissioner of police following the destruction of his property and threat to his life by the gang.

Oladipo narrated his ordeal in the hands of the gang thus "They targeted my home and went straight to my apartment and destroyed

my property, humiliated my wife and children and threatened to kill them, I was away at that time and immediately I heard about their attack in my home, I reported to the Alade police station. I told the DPO how the suspects looted my property and threatened to kill my wife and children, they have been all out looking for me, I had to relocate my family to a safer place."

He argued that the gang also allegedly shot a tenant, one Omo Junior on Craig street, collected his phone and laptop. The case was also reported at the Alade police station. One of the residents who requested for anonymity said "The boys were three. They came with a red Bajaj motorcycle; but ran away on their bike before anybody could do anything"

Another victim who prayed for anonymity said "The suspected gang wielded sword and other dangerous weapons and stormed at no 3 Craig street, tacked homes, vehicles and looted property."

The petitioners told Daily Champion that in another operation, the gang also led by Balogun attacked a house wife, one Bunmi Afolabi on number 8 Salami Street on June 13th, raided her house and broke her head. Mrs. Afolabi promptly reported the attack to the Alade police station but the police officers were attacked on their way to her house.

The victim spoke "On that day, they

stormed my house, they were like four in number and they started ransacking everything and destroying my property, they threatened to kill my children; after they left, I went to the Alade police station to report the incident, the DPO gave me six police men to follow me to my house, on our way to my house along Ajose street some of the boys who attacked me saw me with the police men and they attacked us."

Our correspondent gathered that the suspects overpowered the police and collected their handcuffs.

She continued "I was left on my own, so that was how the boys bounced on me, and my baby strapped on my back, they broke my head in the process and left bruises all over my body"

She added that It took a combine effort of the police from Pedro, Onipanu, police stations and Area H.

The residents informed the commissioner that the gang have been fingered in the robbery attack at number 22 Moshalashi street Shomolu on June 16th, where they allegedly robbed the printers on the street, of all their laptops, phones and cash.

They alleged that "these boys go about in daytime chasing yahoo boys calling themselves EFCC men, in the night, they assist the yahoo boys to rob people of their laptops and later sell to the yahoo boys again."



Tools used in killing the man