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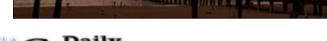


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Ado Ekiti — A 24-year old undergraduate, Kolade Olajide and two others are now being held in Ekiti State Police Command for allegedly killing a Police Constable, Olufowobi Olusegun at his residence at Ajebamidele Area of Ado Ekiti.



Kolade, who is a part 4 Clinical Medicine student of Madonna University, Okija, Anambra State allegedly committed the murder alongside three other suspects: Blessing Ohwosiri, 27 and Ogundare Ojo, 24.

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A 22-year old pre-degree female student of Adeyemi College of Education, Ondo, Faleye Sunkanmi, who is suspected to be Blessing's girl-friend, who is the leader of the 3-man gang has been detained for allegedly running errands for Blessing, who is presently in coma at Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital(OAUTH), Ile Ife, having sustained gunshot during the robbery operation.



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Internet Gateway Content Providers Sunkanmi, who exonerated herself from the robbery, said she was arrested right at the OAUTH while bringing drugs for Blessing .

Narrating how they killed the police officer during a robbery operation on July 20,2011 at about 9pm at the Police Command in Ado Ekiti yesterday, Kolade said Blessing , popularly called the Master Orchestral, being the strategist of the group, had led him and Ojo to the Officer's residence where he was shot and killed .

The suspect, who claimed to be a former Student of OAU, where he met Blessing, disclosed that the Officer's House was not the target of operation that night.

He said they decided to branch at the residence with the belief that they would have enough to cart away because of the magnificent outlook of the building.

Kolade, a native of Ado Ekiti, who said, they were fascinated to the building because it was heavily illuminated by generating set, revealed that the Police officer had resisted blessing's request upon entering the apartment, which he said infuriated him and shot at the cop.

He explained that after the gunshot, the police officer struggled into his apartment and brought out his service pistol and shot at Blessing in the thoracic region(chest).

The Police officer later died in the Hospital, having lost so much blood from his system.

Kolade said, "I was in Ondo town that day when Blessing called me that we have a business to do in Ado Ekiti. I had to come down. We never thought of going to the Officer's house, but it was attractive because of the heavy illumination because the generating set was on.

"As Blessing entered the house, we stayed outside and we just heard the sound of a gunshot and later another sound. After few minutes, Blessing rushed out of the house with blood oozing out of his body and we fled the scene and took him to the Hospital".

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He said they had to deceive the Police to come to their aid in taking Blessing to the Hospital by telling them that he was attacked by armed robbers.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr Olayinka Balogun, appealed to Hospitals' Management not to reject victims of gunshot, but advised that they should always report such incident to the nearest police Station to help the Police determine the identities of the victims.

He said Blessing had been taken to two different Hospitals before they eventually relocated him to OAUTH for medical attention, adding that Police was able to apprehend him through serious intelligence gathering and useful information from the members of the public.





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