

Community leader kills, buries cop over N120,000 in Ogun

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The Ogun Police Command yesterday paraded a leader of Iiv Community in Opeji, Odeda Local Government Area of the state, Jonathan Tsekar, for allegedly killing a police corporal, Gbenga Adeboyejo over N120,000. It was gathered that the suspect and the victim, who was attached to Odeda Divisional Police, were

engaged in a charcoal business before the relationship turned sour.

The Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Illiyasu, yesterday led his men to exhume the corpse of the victim allegedly buried by the suspect in a shallow grave at Opeji village.

Illiyasu who paraded the suspect before newsmen at the crime scene disclosed that he allegedly committed

the murder on November 24, 2018.

According to him, the deceased was reported missing on December 1 by his father, Joseph Adeboyejo who lives in Ilorin, Kwara State.

He, however, explained that the prime suspect was arrested alongside two others in connected with the alleged murder.

The CP quoted the

community leader to have confessed that he killed the police corporal by "hitting a heavy plank on his head" in order not to refund the N120,000 he collected from the deceased.

"This is not only wicked and callous act but also a superlative degree of effrontery because the suspect knew very well the status of the deceased. The suspect will soon appear

before a court of competent jurisdiction," Illiyasu vowed.

Speaking with newsmen, the suspect said he did not kill the policeman intentionally, adding that "He (deceased) complained that his goods arrived late and we started arguing. He struck me with wood and I also struck him with the wood. I didn't intend to kill him. When I realised he was dead, I dug a grave to bury him."

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assure you in the coming years we are going to secure more convictions" he said.