

4 internet fraudsters kill friend in Ogun

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Operatives of the Ogun Police Command have arrested four suspected internet fraudsters over the murder of a 20-year-old man, Alexander Uzoma.

The suspects were arrested following the report lodged at Adigbe division by the mother of the victim, Ogechi Alexander.

She told the police that her son, Alexander, left home on the November 20, 2021 and did not return.

The complainant further told the police that her son told her that he was going to visit some of his friends whom she didn't know.

The Police Spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, told newsmen on Wednesday that a case of missing person was subsequently reported at Adigbe division.

He said the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole, later directed that the case be transferred to State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for discreet investigation.

He said the DSP Nurudeen AbdulGafar-led operation of the SCIID team identified one Babatunde Owoseni as the person who was last seen with the victim, and he was thus arrested.

Oyeyemi said Babatunde later led policemen to arrest his accomplices namely, Azeez Oyebanji aka Biggy, Ayobami Adesina and Balogun Sulaiman.

He said: "On interrogation, they confessed that the victim came to their house to learn about internet fraud, and after eating food, they all took a substance known as Colorado which made them fall asleep.

"They confessed further that when they woke up at about 8 pm, they met the victim on the ground; already vomited all over his body. When they tried to carry him, they discovered that he was no longer breathing.

"At that point, Azeez Oyebanji aka Biggy from whom they bought the drug was invited, and he advised that they should throw the corpse away.

"It was then that Ayomide and Gafar arranged for an Uber driver from Ayomide collected the vehicle and used it to carry the corpse to the top of Kuto overhead Bridge where it was dumped", he said.

Oyeyemi said the corpse was later removed by the state health workers and buried as an unknown corpse.

The Police Spokesman said preliminary investigation revealed that, "There was a mark of violence on the head of the deceased as shown in the picture taken by the health workers before it was buried."

He quoted the CP to have ordered the investigating team to expedite action on the investigation and charge the case to court as soon as possible.