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After gun battle, police arrest 5 'wanted robbers', cultists in Ogun

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Operatives of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested five suspected cultists-cum-armed robbers along Molipa Road in Ijebu Ode, after a gun duel with the hoodlums.

The hoodlums, allegedly terrorising Ijebu-Ode and its environs, have reportedly carried out some killings including that of a police sergeant in the area.

The police spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, on Sunday, said the suspects, Segun Olabiyi aka Koleje,

Musa Atanda aka Musa Sars, Olorunjedalo Adewale, Olamide Odewole and Peter Anuoluwapo Akinyemi, were arrested in their hideout while planning another attack.

Oyeyemi labelled the suspects 'dreaded', adding that they had been on the wanted list for a long time.

He said the Obalende divisional headquarters in Ijebu Ode got a hint that the hoodlums, who are members of Aiye confraternity, had gathered in a hotel preparatory to an attack.

He said following the hint, the

DPO Obalende Division, SP Salami Murphy, mobilized his men and went to the scene.

"On sighting the policemen, the hoodlums engaged them in gun battle but they were subdued by the superior firepower of the policemen, which eventually led to the arrest of five among them while others escaped with bullet injuries," Oyeyemi said.

He said one locally made short gun, two live cartridges and assorted charms were recovered from the suspects at the scene.

Man nabbed over killing of fiancée in Abuja

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Police in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT) have arrested one Joseph Ifeanyi, 33, the principal suspect in connection with the death of his fiancée, Evelyn Alifia, in Lugbe, a residential district of the FCT.

It was gathered that Ifeanyi's arrest came six days after he allegedly contacted the families of Alifia to come for the remains of their daughter after allegedly strangling her to death.

City & Crime learnt that Alifia had moved in with her before boyfriend since June 2021.

Confirming the arrest in a statement on Friday, spokesperson of the command, DSP Josephine Adeh, also refuted reports alleging that the police demanded the sum of N300,000 from the family

of the deceased, which slowed investigation in the matter.

The PPRO said: "Following a report by one Adujo Daniel Yakubu, at the Trademore Division Police headquarters, investigative assets of the Command attached to the Division immediately commenced action.

"Upon visitation, the deceased was found dead in her residence on February 21, 2022. All efforts to take the corpse to the morgue for the necessary actions proved abortive as the family insisted on immediately burying the corpse due to the state of the body at discovery point.

"Preliminary investigations have however revealed that the principal suspect, Joseph Mbounu Ifeanyi, an electrical technician, was last seen with the deceased before the discovery of her death. That Joseph actually called to inform the

deceased family members of her demise and had since been out of reach until his arrest."

She said the case had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), adding that further discoveries would be made public.



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