

2 arrested for beating colleague to death over hemp in Kwara

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The police in Kwara State have arraigned Olasunkanmi Olarewaju, aka Abore, and Adeniyi Juwon (Jboy) for allegedly beating one Abiodun Oyinloye to death for N65,000, their profit from the sale of Indian hemp.

The victim's elder brother, Olakunke Oyinloye, reported to the police in Omo-Aran, last month, that his brother was missing and that all efforts to trace him proved abortive.

Following the arrest of the suspects, the police dragged them to court on a two-count charge of criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide contrary to sections 97 and 221 of the penal code.

According to the Police First Information Report (FIR), "Abore" called the senior Oyinloye 'on 09/4/2023 at about 0700hrs and that he and Jboy had killed Oyinloye for stealing his N65,000.

"During investigation, you Abore, 36, and Jboy, 24, both confessed to having conspired together to beat Oyinloye to death for stealing the money.

"Further investigation revealed that the money was the proceeds of dried leaves suspected to be Indian hemp, which you were selling. After killing him, you (Abore) concealed the deceased body in a room within his compound," the charge sheet added.

The prosecutor, Gbenga Ayeni, urged the court to remand the suspects because of the nature of the offence.

In his ruling, Magistrate M. O. Abayomi, ordered the remand of the suspects and adjourned the matter to May 11, 2023.