

3 Arrested Over Murder Of Furniture Maker In Edo



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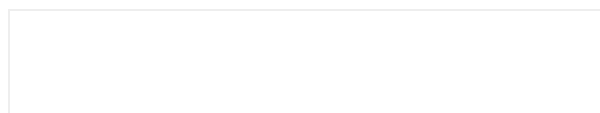


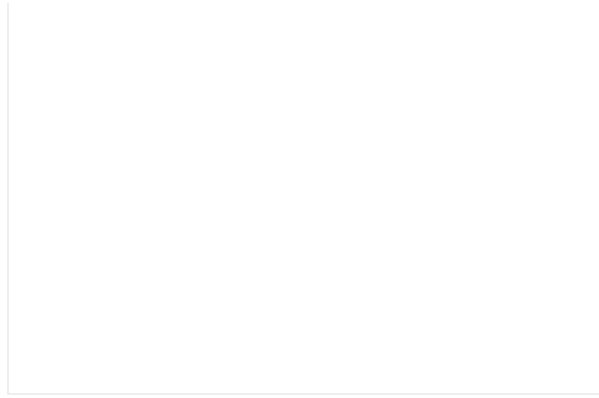
The police have arrested three suspects in connection with the murder of Mr. Aruna Imuekheme, a 41-year-old furniture maker in Benin City, Edo State.

According to the spokesperson of the police in the state, CSP Moses Yamu, a manhunt for the remaining suspects is underway.



The deceased was reportedly killed by a group of 11 hoodlums at his workshop located along Old Ahor Road, Eyean, in the Uhumwode Local Government Area.





The police said the incident occurred after a client returned to the workshop, six months after a job had been completed. The client claimed the materials used for the upholstery work had compressed.

Yamu said the deceased reportedly explained to the client that the initial agreement was only to recover the chairs with new fabric, not to replace the foam. This led to an argument, which was eventually settled before the client left.

He said, ‘‘However, on Saturday, the client returned with 10 other men while the furniture maker was away.



‘‘The men reportedly attempted to steal his tools and other items, but were resisted by his apprentices and nearby residents.

“When the deceased was alerted, he rushed back to his workshop to resolve the issue. “The hoodlums then attacked him with dangerous weapons, beating him to death.”

The police spokesman said he was rushed to several hospitals, but was reportedly rejected before being confirmed dead on arrival at the Edo Specialist Hospital.