

## Boy, 12, held for alleged murder of step-mother

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**A**TWELVE-YEAR-OLD boy, Mayowa Abegunde, was among criminals paraded yesterday by the Ogun State Police Command at the Police Headquarters, Eleweran, Abeokuta. He was alleged to have shot his step-mother, Mrs. Modinat Abegunrin, dead with a dane-gun on August 14 at Amusan Sapotu Village in Odeda Local Council Area.

Mayowa's grandfather, Mr. Moses Abegunrin, who spoke with journalists, said his grandson had an argument with his step-mother over the peeling of cassava during which he took the gun and shot her dead.

"I was not at home when the incident happened but I was told on my return that he killed her with a dane-gun, which I kept in the house. They both came to visit me from Lagos. His father is my son. But he has separated from his mother. He is a driver in Lagos. I am a farmer and I use the gun for hunting sometimes. It was loaded and he used it to kill her when they had a disagreement", Abegunrin said.

The police also paraded two Chinese, Long-Chen and Jianhui Gong, who they rescued from kidnappers. The duo were reported to have been kidnapped last Thursday and rescued same day in Ifonyintedo, a border town between Nigeria and Benin Republic.

The kidnappers, who were also paraded, were Adelano Abolore and Adisa Osederi. Other people paraded included armed robbers, motorcycle snatchers and those allegedly involved in the production of fake foreign currency.

Speaking on the achievements of his command, the Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Musa Daura, disclosed that in two weeks, the command recovered 17 vehicles, 39 ammunition and 11 arms. It also arrested 24 armed robbers, six cultists and 141 other suspects.