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Police arrest Akwa Ibom kidnap suspect, 10 years on

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Ten years after an employee of Addax Petroleum Company was kidnapped and later found dead, one of the perpetrators of the heinous crime, Mr. Godwin Edet Okon, 35, from Efiat, in Mbo local council, has been arrested by the Akwa Ibom State Police Command.

Parading the suspect, the state Police Commissioner, Mr. Murtala Mani, speaking through the command's Public Relations Officer, Cordelia Nwawe, expressed joy that the suspect has finally been found investigation after so many years of painstaking search.

The suspect, who was arrested with two human skulls, confessed to committing the crime, adding that he also claimed to be the head of a confraternity known as DYBAM Confraternity, operating in the area with the headquarters in Oron Local Council.



“Since 2006, the police have been investigating the case of a man who died from Addax field in Mbo. We have been looking for the young men who kidnapped that man. Fortunately, we have been able to find a particular man by name Godwin Edet Okon.

“He has confessed to the 2006 crime of a man, who died in their custody having been kidnapped. He said he is the head of a confraternity known as DYBAM. On searching his house, two human skulls were found and four locally-made guns,” she said.

Speaking with journalists, the suspect affirmed his

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headship of the DYBAM Confraternity, adding that the human skulls symbolise his being the number one (leader) of the group. According to him, he has been the leader of the group since 2006.

On the death of the Addax Petroleum Company employee, he confirmed that he was aware of the incident that led to the death of the man, but said it was a community matter that led to his dead.

In another development, the Kwara State Command of the Nigeria Police has dismissed from service a corporal, Mr. Daramola Tosin, of Ekiti Police Division for allegedly withdrawing N300,000 from an inspector, Mr. Lateef Shuaib, shooting him to death and burying him in a bush near Osi Police Station in Ekiti.

Besides, the command also arraigned him yesterday at a magistrate court in Ilorin. According to the First Information Report (FIR) in Ilorin, Shuaib's sister, Sherifat Hammed, reported on May 10 this year, to the Osi Police Station that her brother had been missing since May 6 this year.

Hammed also reported that she suspected Tosin, adding that her elder brother, told her that when he was sick, he gave Tosin his Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card, based on trust, to be withdrawing money from his account at UBA on his behalf.

The FIR further quoted Hameed as saying that Tosin dishonestly started transferring money from Shuaib's account, in piece meal, without the now late inspector's knowledge and consent and withdrew in the process a sum of N300,000.

The police prosecutor, Mr. James Odaodu, told the magistrate, Nurudeen Adeyanju, that the offence of the murder was capital in nature, adding that it was not ordinarily bailable. He pleaded with the court to remand the accused in prison custody.



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Adeyanju, did not take plea of the accused but said the magistrate court lacked jurisdiction to hear the matter as it involved a murder charge.

The magistrate ordered that Tosin be remanded at the Federal Prisons, Mandalla in Ilorin and adjourned the case till Tuesday, June 21 for further mention.

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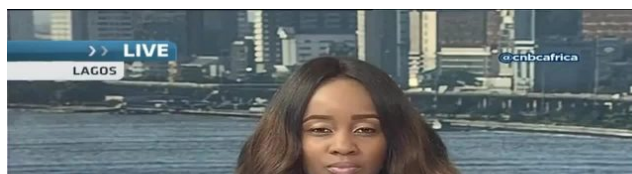
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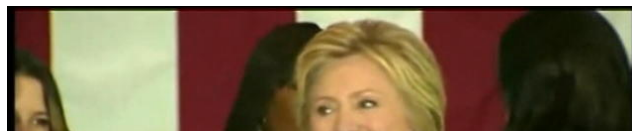
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