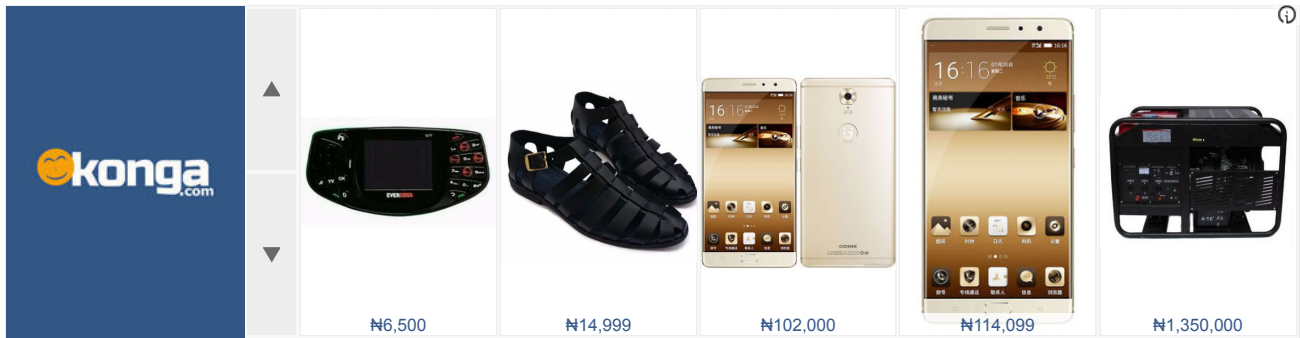




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Police arraign suspected killers of ex-naval officer

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The Ogun Police Command yesterday arraigned five suspected killers of an ex-naval officer and Chief Executive Officer of MAF 44.

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arraigned on a three-count charge of felony, armed robbery, and murder.

The suspects and others at large conspired among themselves on June 14, 2017 to rob the 73-year-old deceased of the sum of ₦500,000.00 in his apartment in Arigbajo and he was in the process stabbed to death.



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During a cross-examination, Dare Abiodun said Femi Ayinla, Aliami Akinlotan and Jamiu Akewe were his friends but were not part of the robbery operation. He added that when the police thoroughly tortured him with gunshot wound on his ankle and that was when he took the police to his friends’ houses, where they were apprehended.

He noted that he had not met Gbenga Ojo before but was forced to point at him so that the police would set him free.Bello, however, lashed out at the police for still keeping Gbenga Ojo, who the suspect said he did not know me.

“If your investigation did not send him to prison, don’t send him there. There is still remedy at this stage. It is wrong to send an innocent person to prison. How would you exonerate a suspect and still arraign him in court? If he is taken to prison, nobody would remember him, you don’t have any case against this man.”

In their defence, the prosecutor, Sergeant Olumide Awoleke, who also buttressed Dare Abiodun’s confession said if the police had released those exonerated, the family would not have believed that they were not bribed.

He craved the indulgence of the court to use its discretion to release the innocent, which the presiding magistrate also threw to the deceased’s family, by giving them a few minutes break to decide.On resuming from the break, she adjourned the case to November 3, 2017.

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