

'We killed two guards for refusing to allow us steal motorcycles'

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AN armed robbery suspect, Damilare Adegbayibi, whom the police described as a notorious killer, has confessed that his gang killed two security guards at Agege area of Lagos for allegedly refusing to allow them steal some commercial motorcycles.

The police said that Damilare had led his gang to Adewumi Adebisi Street, Agege Lagos, to loot a motorcycle warehouse.

The police said that the gang leader had allegedly confessed stealing over 150 motorcycles in the last nine months.

"We stabbed the security guard to death for refusing to allow us have our way. We did not know that they will die, we only did it to render

them incapacitated", the suspect alleged

Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Imohimi Edgal, who paraded the suspect, said four other members of the gang have been arrested by detectives.

Edgal said information was received from members of the public, that some armed robbers were having a field day along Adewumi Adebisi Street, Agege Lagos, robbing unsuspecting victims of their valuables.

According to him, based on the information, a combined team of operatives from Dopemu Police Station and those from the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) Ikeja, swiftly mobilized to the scene.

He said that on sighting the operatives, the robbers

ran in different directions to avoid being arrested; but that they were eventually chased, leading to the arrest of one Damilare Adegbayibi and the recovery of a cut-to-size locally made single barrel gun with four un-expended cartridges from him.

"On closer examination of the robbery scene, two lifeless bodies were found on the ground. Further enquiry revealed that they were stabbed to death. The victims were later identified as Alayiwa, surname unknown, a security personnel attached to the street and one Ibrahim Akinbumi, a resident of Adewumi Adebisi Street, Agege Lagos.

"The suspect later led the operatives to arrest four other members of the gang

namely: Ojesola Osundairo, Basiru Suleiman, Rask Osunmade and Haruna Ibrahim from whom two additional cut to size locally made guns with six live cartridges were recovered.

"It was discovered that the robbers, apart from robbing unsuspecting members of the public of their valuables, also specialized in stealing motorcycles around Agege, Dopemu and other parts of Lagos and sell same to their receiver, one Ibrahim Haruna 'm'. They further confessed to have sold over one hundred and fifty (150) motorcycles to the said Ibrahim Haruna, out of which eleven have been recovered. Investigation is ongoing at the end of which suspects will be charged to court", he said.

Youth protest alleged plot to impose monarch in Ekiti community