

Pastor who allegedly stabbed mother to death nabbed in hideout

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Police arrest vigilance group members for killing final year student

The police in Anambra State said they have arrested the pastor who allegedly stabbed his mother to death in Oraifite, Ekwusigo local government area of the state. The police spokesperson, Haruna Mohammed, said the suspect, Nwabueze Anaka, was arrested in his hideout at Onitsha.

He said: “Following intelligence report, detectives attached to Central Police Station Onitsha in collaboration with Oraifite Division have arrested the murder suspect today (Wednesday) in his hideout at Onitsha. Exhibits recovered from the suspect include a travelling bag and a knife reasonably suspected to have been used in perpetrating the act.”

He said the case has been transferred to State CID Awka for discreet investigation. It would be recalled that the 30-year-old suspect allegedly stabbed his mother, one Grace Anaka, aged about 50 to death and fled on Tuesday.

Meanwhile, the Ogun State police command yesterday paraded three suspects who allegedly murdered one Ahmed Obisanwo, 400-level student of Olabisi Onabanjo University (OOU), Ago-Iwoye. The command also recovered guns from the suspects who claimed to be members of local community vigilance group.

The Commissioner of Police, Bashir Makama, who paraded the suspects at Eleweran, the command’s headquarters, said the three suspects: Idowu Ayodele, 53; Segun Ogunsanwo, 53; and Akeem Salisu, 55 would be charged with murder. Makama said the suspects invaded a hotel in Ijebu-Igbo, the headquarters of Ijebu North Local Government Area on August 8, dispossessing people of their valuables during the attack.

The police boss added that the suspects also seized two young men while the robbery lasted, stressing that one of the victims escaped from the suspected criminals, while the other remained with them. He said: “These suspects went into a hotel and told everyone to lie down, dispossessing them of their valuables. They seized two people and didn’t return them. After a while, one of them came back and said he had escaped. When we asked him about the second person he was abducted with, he said, he was dead. It is six weeks today and that person has not returned.

“There was a complaint and we worked on that, which led to the arrest of these people and the recovery of the weapons. On further interrogation, they said the other person that was taken had been killed. They said he had been thrown into a river. We asked



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them to identify the river so we can go there and conduct a search and recover his body.”

But one of the suspects, Akeem Salisu, told reporters that he didn’t kill Obisanwo. Salisu claimed the vigilance group, which he is part of, was constituted by the community to rid the area of cultists and thugs. According to him, his group usually arrests cultists and thugs in the community and drop them at the police station in order to ensure peace and security in the area.

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