

Police nab killers of Uber, POS operators in Ogun

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FOUR members of a robbery syndicate which allegedly rob and kill Point of Sales (POS) and Uber operators, have been arrested by operatives of Ogun State Police Command.

The suspects, Kehinde Salihu Jelili (also known as Okeomo), Abiodun Akinola, Johnson Fakaye and Jamiu Akinola, were arrested following a report lodged at Onipanu Divisional Headquarters, Sango, on April 18, 2021, by one Aanu Salaudeen, a POS attendant.

According to the statement, Salaudeen reported that her boss, Abiodun Odebunmi, a POS operator, left his office at Aparadija the previous day to meet a customer with a cash sum of N4 million to be used for POS transactions.

She stated further that Odebunmi has not been seen since then, and all calls put across to him did not go through.

According to her, they had

earlier done a transaction of N1.5 million with the same person who invited his boss to meet him at Oju-Ore to do another transaction of N4 million.

Upon the report, the police men at Onipanu commenced investigation into the sudden disappearance of the man, and their efforts paid off when the dead and burnt body of the victim was discovered in an uncompleted building at the Arobi-eye area of Ota without trace of his assailants.

According to a statement by the state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, the case was transferred to homicide section of the state criminal investigation and intelligence department on the order of the Commissioner of Police, CP Edward Awolowo Ajogun, who mandated the homicide team to unravel the perpetrators of the dastardly act within the shortest possible period.

The CP Femi Olabode-led homicide team, in compliance with the CP's directive, embarked on a technical and intelligence-based investigation, which led them to Onin Ekin in Ekin State, where the suspect was discovered to be hibernating. On getting to Ekin, the suspect got wind of the presence of the detectives and quickly escaped to Oifa in Kwara State.

"With determination to apprehend him, the team continued trailing him and they later got information that he was in Benin Republic, where he had gone to attend the court session of Chief Sunday Adeyemo, aka Sunday Igboho, and that he would soon be coming to Nigeria."

He said based on information on the date of his return to the country, the team laid an ambush for him and got him arrested at the boundary between Ogun and Lagos states.

On interrogation, Kehinde Salihu Jelili, who claimed to be a native of Apomu in Osun State, confessed to the killing of the victim.

"He confessed further that he deliberately lured the victim to Ota, where he and his gang members were waiting for him with the money he was asked to bring, having transacted a N1.5m business with him the previous day, and that they matchered him to death after collecting the money from him. He stated further that they burnt the victim's body in order to cover their tracks."



The suspects