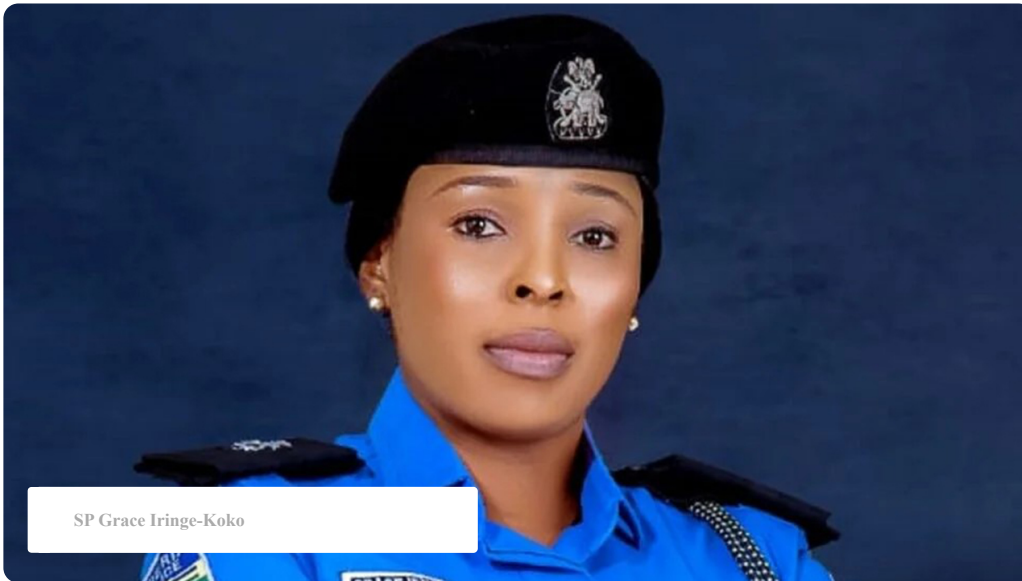


Police crack down on cultists, arrest seven suspects over lawyer's murder

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Operatives of the Rivers State Police Command have cracked down on cultists and arrested seven suspects in connection with the murder of a 46-year-old lawyer, Bright Owhor, in Port Harcourt. Owhor was reportedly killed by unidentified gunmen on July 6, 2025, in Rumuomasi.

The suspects include Prince Samuel, 30; Henry Peter, 24; an arm supplier that allegedly shot the victim, Godfrey Emmanuel, also known as Ibu, 30; the gang leader, Chukwu Nneji, 34; Justice Dimkpa, 27, and Promise Wikere, 22, who is the custodian of stolen vehicles.

The Command's Spokesperson, SP Grace Iringe-Koko, who confirmed the arrest in a statement, yesterday, said the suspects confessed to being members of the Deygbam Secret Cult Group and admitted to their roles in the murder.

She said that operatives of the anti-kidnapping unit were deployed to investigate and bring the perpetrators to justice. Iringe-Koko noted that through meticulous intelligence work and technical surveillance, the police were able to identify and apprehend all individuals involved in the crime.

During the investigation, the police recovered several exhibits, including four locally made pistols, seven rounds of 9 mm ammunition, two live cartridges, one mini bus, and one Toyota Camry.

She said: "During interrogation, the suspects confessed to being members of the Deygbam Secret Cult Group, their roles in the murder, withdrawing funds from the victim's bank account, and recent cult-related violence between BS and G12 Deygbam factions in Diobu, Port Harcourt."

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However, the state's Commissioner of Police, Olugbenga Adepoku, has commended the operational prowess of the operatives, emphasising the Command's commitment to the safety and security of all residents.