

Two Killed NDLEA Staff Victims Of Betrayal – Police

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Barely five months after the duo of Tarikere Kenneth and Abbati Shamsudeen, former staff of the National Drug Law Enforcement Agency (NDLEA) were killed by a suspected drug baron in Abbi, Ukwali, Delta State, police investigation has indicated the late officers were victims of betrayal.

A top police officer attached to the Delta State Police Command, Criminal Investiga-

tion Department (SCID), who would prefer anonymity told *Daily Independent* in a telephone interview that the two operatives were actually betrayed by one of their colleagues, an indigene of the community.

He said that preliminary investigation has so far revealed that one suspect still in police custody has made a confessional statement to the effect that the operation was a product of three months planning. The operation "eventually leaked out to the mole among them who leaked the plot to

the baron for a fee."

It was gathered that the infiltrator returned to the baron saying that the NDLEA staff needed N1.5million to save his Indian hemp farmland, which source stressed, is the largest in the entire Delta State.

"He did not go back to the NDLEA staff; he just went to the baron and collected some money, which our suspect said he does not know the amount," the police investigator stated.

"When the operatives, oblivious of what had happened between their colleague and the baron, proceeded on their planned operation, the mole quickly called the baron to inform him that the NDLEA men were on their way to arrest him and raze his cannabis farm.

"They were ambushed and attacked with sophisticated weapons and that led to the death of two of the operatives. That is what we have been able to find out, a bad co-staff."