

Family Problems Forced Me Into Kidnapping – Driver, Others, Who Killed Man From Spain

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Owerri – Twenty five year old driver, Ihenacho Chizoba who was a commercial driver is in police net, over his alleged involvement in a kidnap case.

He is however, regretting that he went into kidnapping business out of frustration occasioned by family problems.

Chizoba- an indigene of Umuariam, Obowo council area of Imo State said, as an experienced and professional driver, he was making enough money with which he lived comfortably with his family, but that the driving business later suffered setback following the prevailing disturbing economic hardship in the country.

He told CRIME TRACKER that with mounting family problems and as the first son of his mother who has lost his father, he was introduced into kidnapping by a friend he complained to about his inability to take good care of his family. His friend make he refused to disclose his names cajoled him the illicit kidnapping business in order to make quick money and take care of his family.

Chizoba exclusively spoke to the Crime Tracker at the Imo State police headquarters Owerri, where he was paraded along with one Chibundu Ezeala from Umuabia, Ehime Mbano, for the murder of a 42year old Jude Emeka Onye.

He told Crime Tracker that, "I am a driver by profession and I was doing well in driving business before things began to be hard me and could not fend for my family, so my friend introduced me to kidnapping and I joined them.

We went there to collect his phone (victim's phone) at the beer parlour at Amainyi where he was relaxing with his friends but when he saw us, he began to run and one of us opened fire at him.

I drove the car we used for the operation. I was in the driver's seat when I heard gun shots. I do not know who really killed him. After this, me and my colleagues in the car ran away and I went into hiding but the police arrested me".

Chibundu Ezeala from the Ihitte Uboma council area also of Imo State, also told CRIME TRACKER that, "Jude (the victim) did not do anything to me. I was not the one who killed him. We simply went there to collect his phone and also to pick him so that his family will pay us ransom to release him". The guy just came back from Spain and we heard that he got money so well."

A relation of the deceased who simply gave his name as Igwe, expressed shock at the gruesome murder of the young

CRIME TRACKER learnt that Jude 42 years, recently came back from Spain was until his tragic death on Saturday 17th of February, the bread winner of his family.

Igwe said, "I was in my house when information came to me that some faceless boys stormed where he was staying with friends and shot him dead. His mother, Emekaonye-Nneka is still in shock and would not speak to anyone."

Imo State Commissioner of Police (CP) Ohris Ezike, who paraded the suspects before newsmen said that a four man gang armed with dangerous weapons including the suspects actually killed the 42 year old man on 17th February, 2018.

According to him, the suspected killers met their victim at a drinking joint at Amainyi, in Ihitte Uboma Local Government Area of the state, where he was relaxing with friends. He added that in an attempt to escaped being kidnapped, he took to his heels but was gunned down by the assailants.

The CP assured that the police would do everything possible to arrest the fleeing two suspects, whom he gave their na names as: Obere Okpowa and Kingsley Alaegbele adding He. disclosed