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Edo Police Command Parades Five Suspected Killers Of Benin Based Lawyer, 51 Others



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CP Johnson Babatunde Kokumo

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Benin- Edo State Police Command, on Monday, paraded 56 suspects, including five, who allegedly murdered and buried a Benin based lawyer, Osobase Omo-Iyoha

The 51 others were arrested for cultism, armed robbery, kidnappers and rape.

Addressing journalists at the command during the parade of the suspects, the newly posted Commissioner of Police, CP, Johnson Babatunde Kokumo who gave the names of the five suspects as Osasu Osadolor Afro, Emmanuel David, Valentine Dibie, Uwadia Taiwo Uhumwagho and Saturday Imagbe said they killed and buried their victim in a bizarre manner.

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CP Kokumo said Osasu Osadolor and his members were arrested by men of his command and the following items were recovered from them.

One Lexus 330 SUV Reg. No. BEN-374-CU, one Audi 80 S/Car Reg. No. CA-956-BEN, one new cutlass with blood stains, two shovels and one hoe.

Kokumo said the police under his watch has recorded tremendous breakthrough within a short time and would want to build on the achievements of his predecessor.

“I have come to build on the good achievements of my predecessor. I also want to say clearly that we will encourage Community participation in policing in Edo State because this is of course will be in total agreement with the current philosophy of the Inspector General of Police, IGP Mohammed Abubakar.”

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“So, we will leave no stone unturned to ensure that the communities are actively involved in the policing project”, he said.

Speaking on his involvement in the murder of the lawyer, Barr. Omo-Iyoha Osobase, Osasu Osadolor Afro said the deceased engaged him and his friend in a fight and during the process, he was hit on his head and he died.

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“It was a case of two fighting and my friend hit a stick on his head and he died. I was not the one that buried him but my friends did. He was buried very close to my house.”

When asked how he was arrested by the police, he said he willingly surrendered himself to them.

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