

Alleged Phone Theft: Three Suspects Beat 23-Yr-Old Boy To Death In Ogun



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The suspects

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LAGOS – The operatives of Ogun State Police Command have arrested three suspects in connection with the death of a 23-year-old boy who was allegedly beaten to death in the state over theft of mobile phones.

The incident happened on January 21, 2021.

The arrested suspects according to the police, allegedly beat the boy to death on allegation that he stole mobile phones.

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The three suspects are Ugo Obi, Chinonso Jude and Chibuike Samson, all of MTN Street Iju, Ota.

They were arrested following a report by one Ajibade Gbenga who told the police at Onipanu divisional headquarters, that his son Samuel Ajibade was alleged to have stolen two handsets by the suspects.

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He said consequent upon this, the three suspects jointly beat him to state of comma.

He stated further that the deceased was rushed to General Hospital Ota for medical attention but was confirmed dead as soon as he got to the hospital by the doctor on duty.

Abimbola Oyeyemi, Police Public Relations Officer for the State, who confirmed the incident to Daily Independent said that based on the report, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Onipanu division, CSP Bamidele Job led his detectives to the scene where the three suspects were quickly arrested.

“It was the quick response of the police that saved the suspects from being lynched by an angry mob who have gathered to apply jungle justice on them immediately they heard that the victim was dead.

“The corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital, Ota, for post mortem examination,” Oyeyemi added.

Meanwhile, the Commissioner of Police for the State, CP Edward Awolowo Ajogun, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspects to the homicide section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and prosecution.

The CP therefore warned that the command would not tolerate any form of jungle justice on anybody suspected of any type of crime.



He appealed to members of the public to always report anyone suspected to have committed crime to the law enforcement agency for proper investigation and prosecution rather than taking laws into their own hands.

