

Murder: Ex-councillor, 4 Others In Police Net

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The Akwa Ibom State Police Command yesterday said it has arrested five persons in connection with the abduction and murder of one Rosemary Jacob and two others.

The State's Commissioner of Police, Mr. Don Awunah, said the offence was committed on July 29, 2010 but through a painstaking intelligence the perpetrators of the offence were arrested by the police on March 15, 2017.

CP Awunah listed the names of the five suspected murderers as Friday Obonoh; Edidiong Boniface a.k.a "Tunde" (presently on prison remand for another crime); Anietie Donatus a.k.a "Tea Boy"; Ubong Obonoh a.k.a Ubon; and Godwin Etim.

Investigation by The Nation revealed that Obonoh was a former councillor in Oruk Anam Local Government Area and also a former personal assistant to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) secretary, Mr. Ibanga Akpabio.

According to CP Awunah, he explained that the police received a report that one Rosemary Jacob was on 29 July, 2010 abducted alongside two other men along Abak Road Uyo by a gang of seven men over an alleged failed land transaction.

The abducted persons, the police boss said, were taken to a house within Ewet housing Estate being the residence of Friday Obonoh where they were tortured to death and their remains and vehicle disposed of.