

Shoemaker killed on Christmas Eve

ILUDUN-Ekiti community in Ilejemeje Local Government Area of Ekiti State is no longer at ease, following the murder of a 25-year old shoemaker on Christmas Eve.

At least five persons, including the son of a traditional ruler, have been arrested by the police. They are stating all they know about the incident at the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) in Ado-Ekiti, the state capital.

The suspects who were alleged to be involved in the killing of Odunayo, a shoemaker, are Ajewole

• Ekiti monarch's son, four others arrested

From Odunayo Ogunmola, Ado-Ekiti

Ogundare, a hunter, Adekunle Jimoh, Ojo Owoso, Fisayo Akinola, a rusticated student of Osun State College of Technology, Esa-Oke, who is the son of the town's monarch and Fisayo Fatoye.

The deceased lived in Iludun-Ekiti for the past six years until his murder on December 24. He left behind six-months expectant wife,

a native of Omu-Ijelu in Oye Local Government Area.

A family source told *The Nation* that the late Odunayo left for his farm at about 2pm on the fateful day but did not return at dusk. His family raised the alarm and a search party was organised by the police and local hunters.

After an initial unsuccessful search for the deceased, the police extended their dragnet leading to the

discovery of his body on December 28 in a bush with a digger, cutlass and a bag suspected to have been used to convey his body lying by his side.

Family sources dismissed insinuations that the late Odunayo must have been involved in either a misunderstanding or questionable business deals, maintaining that he must have been killed since no part of his body

was missing.

His wife described her late husband as a gentle, contented and hardworking man, who was an expert shoemaker.

About 20 community leaders from Ilejemeje council area led by the Owa of Iludun-Ekiti, Oba Joseph Kayode Akinola, one of five suspects, were sighted at the police headquarters on New Year's day.

They were invited for questioning by detectives.

