

Man remanded for 'raping housewife to death'

Police arrest three for defiling 14-year-old pupil

ANADO-EKITI Chief Magistrate C.O. Adegoke has ordered that a 48-year-old man, Olapade Omotoso, be remanded in the town's prison custody till August 8 for allegedly raping a housewife to death in a hotel in Ikere-Ekiti.

Prosecuting police Corporal Ebenezer Ewuola told the court that Omotoso allegedly committed the offence on June 24 at 8.20pm.

He allegedly slept with Mrs. Feyisayo Ologunki, 50, at Samphe Guest House, Araromi Street, Ikere-Ekiti.

The woman reportedly began to gasp and soon died before help could get to her.

Ewuola alleged that Omotoso caused Mrs Ologunki's death and that the woman was staying with her husband until the time of the incident.

He said the man thereby committed an offence punishable under Section 319 of the Criminal Code, Cap. 77, Law of the Federation of Nigeria, 1990.

THE Ekiti State Police Command yesterday arrested three men belonging to a gang of five who allegedly gang-raped a 14-year-old school girl in the town.

The men were also said to be notorious armed robbers.

It was learnt that the hoodlums invaded a house on Samson Street in Odo Ado, Ado-Ekiti, at 10pm last Thursday.

They allegedly abducted the 14-year-old girl and gang-raped her in turns at a primary school.

The hoodlums reportedly dispossessed the residents of valuables, including money and other property.

The police gave the names of those arrested as Oladipupo Kayode, 24; a 17-year-old and Jimoh Olorunsola.

It was learnt that the suspects have confessed.

The 17-year-old said he is a motor mechanic from Okene in Kogi State, while Kayode and Jimoh said they hail from Omuo Ekiti in Ekiti State and are motorcyclist and musician/bricklayer.

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The defence counsel, Mr. Bola Aruleba, prayed the

court to give the matter speedy hearing.

The prosecutor argued that the case file has to be

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Addressing reporters in Ado-Ekiti after parading the suspects, Police Commissioner Sotonnye Wakama said the command was on the trail of the gang's leader, identified simply as Seye, and the fifth suspect.

The police chief hailed the public for giving the command the tip that led to their arrest.

He said two cutlasses, a knife and a DVD player were recovered from the hoodlums during a search on their apartment in Ado-Ekiti.

Wakama said: "This command considered the offence extremely grievous. Therefore, we spread our dragnet for the bandits and trailed them to their hideout through the information provided by the public."

The police commissioner said the suspects left the girl bleeding.

He said the police found her in the pool of her blood and writhing in pains.

"We immediately took her to the hospital where her condition was stabilised. I assure the public that the arrested hoodlums would be prosecuted without delay to enable others learn lessons," Wakama said.

forwarded to the Director of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice and preparation.