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The police in Ogun State yesterday paraded a suspected robber, Adegoke Kasali (32).

Kasali was said to be part of the seven-man robbery gang that killed the Southwest Coordinator of the Vehicle Inspection Officer (V.I.O), Mr. Yomi Bamidele in his Abeokuta home on August 29, 2011.

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Kasalai and his gang were said to have carried out a series of robberies in the Southwest, as well as in Kwara and Kogi states.

Police Commissioner Ikemefuna Okoye told reporters that policemen attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), led by Mohammed Tijani, intercepted the gang at Obele, the boundary between Nigeria and the Republic of Benin, and Kasali was arrested.

Okoye said Kasali led the SARS officers to his gang's hideout in Iju Ishaga, Lagos, where the hoodlums engaged the police in a gun battle.

Three of the suspects were killed and three arrested.

Okoye said a suspected female member of the gang, Kemi Adesanya, escaped with bullet wounds.

Kasali was said to have participated in the killing of five policemen attached to the Quick Response Squad at Ijemo Agbadu and Mowe/Ibafo on October 25, 2012; the snatching of a bullion van that resulted in the death of three policemen on Imeko road in September, 2011; and the snatching of a Range Rover from popular Fuji musician Wasiu Alabi (Pasuma) in August.

He was said to be involved in the killing of four vigilance group members and three petrol station attendants at the Guinea Gold Petrol Station in Ifo last June, as well as the killing of two persons at the Baptist Church, Sango Ota, on November 24, last year.

Kasali was said to have participated in the robbery at Stonima Petrol Station in Kuto, Abeokuta, in 2011, and at Arolat Petrol Station in May, last year.

The suspect said he was the second-in-command to the gang's leader, popularly known as Godogodo, who was recently arrested in Lagos.

Kasali, who said he hails from Ilugun in Abeokuta, confessed to killing 27 persons, including policemen and civilians, since he took to robbery seven years ago.

He said: "I can't recall the number of policemen I have killed since I became an armed robber, but I have killed many. We were also responsible for the killing of the former Ogun VIO boss, but I was not the one that shot him."

Items recovered from Kasali and his gang include two AK 47 rifles, a German pistol loaded with 49 rounds of ammunition, two cut-to-size double barrel guns, 100 rounds of live AK47 rifle ammunition, five AK 47 magazines loaded with 30 rounds of ammunition each, 50 live cartridges, two packets of "Lexomil" tablets and charms.

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