

Why we kill policemen, by suspected robber

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A ROBBERY suspect has stated why his gang kills policemen and steal their rifles.

Abdulrasaq Ogunmuyiwa, who was arrested by members of Oduwa Peoples Congress (OPC) and handed over to the police at Ipaja, a Lagos suburb, said his gang saw policemen as "a threat anytime we are operating."

Ogunmuyiwa, who is being interrogated at the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Ikeja, Lagos, said his gang members attacked a stationary Rapid Response Squad (RRS) van at Idimu-Egbeda, a Lagos suburb, in April, killing the police driver and an inspector, adding

that they made away with their rifles."

He said because they see policemen as a threat anytime they are operating, "we do not spare them, even if they are not after us".

Police sources said, because Ogunmuyiwa lives in Mushin, Lagos, and his family house is there, he always kept away from operating in that area.

He said after killing the policemen, their colleagues fled, adding that the gang collected the rifles of the slain inspector and the fleeing policemen.

Ogunmuyiwa said he

worked with another at Ojo Cantonment area in Lagos which was led by one Seyi.

Seyi was killed a month ago with four other members of the gang, while Ogunmuyiwa sustained bullet wounds.

Slowed down by the bullet wounds, Ogunmuyiwa fled to Mushin, but could not reach his family home because policemen were on his trail.

Ogunmuyiwa hold up with a friend, Musini, nursing his wound and later went on operation with him at Fatgbem's Filling Station.

"We were expecting millions after we attacked the filling station, but only got N67,000", he said.

A police source said: "Ogunmuyiwa was very angry with Munisi, blaming him for the poor robbery operation. He said he couldn't afford to get killed just because of only N67,000. Just as they alighted from a bus at Command area of Ipaja, members of the OPC stopped Munisi. As Munisi attempted to run, the OPC men chased and arrested him. The OPC men recovered a locally made gun from Munisi. He was beaten and inflicted with machete cuts."

Policemen from Ipaja Police Station were alerted and they went to the scene to arrest Ogunmuyiwa and Munisi.