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'I killed to avenge my cousin's murder'

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A detainee has told the police that he shot a fellow cultist dead to avenge the killing of his cousin.

Matthew Ekomafe, 28, is being detained for allegedly killing a member of Eye cult, Shino Acheyi, over the death of his cousin, Dike Dik, a Political Science graduate of Delta State University in Abraka.

Dike was killed in Lagos on his return from Abuja where he was doing his National Youth Service Corps.

A source said the Eye cult members had been terrorising residents of Ijanikin in Lagos along the Badagry Expressway.

Some of them, according to the source, were also on the police "wanted list" for murder, killing, maiming and looting.

Following a tip-off, Lagos State Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) operatives swooped on the area and arrested Ekomafe in a hotel.

The police discovered a gun in his bag, the source said.

The police are on the trail of his gang members who he claimed, are cultists belonging to either Eye or Black Cat Fraternity.

Ekomafe may be prosecuted for armed robbery and murder.

The suspect said: "I am a member of Black Cat Fraternity. I had my Ordinary National Diploma in Marine Engineering in 2012. I am from Eku Village in Abraka Local Government Area of Delta State.

"I don't like Eye Fraternity because they rob and steal. One of them, Uche who happened to be my friend, robbed me of my phone and N3,000 cash on the road. This made me to join Black Cat through a friend called Charles."

Recalling how he was initiated, he said: "He (Charles) took me to a bush where they placed an axe on my head, cut my finger with razor blade and asked me to lick my blood. We were over 30 that were initiated that day.

"We promised under oath that we would never rob, rape nor steal, but Eye members steal, rob and rape innocent women, claiming that having sex with a matured woman is not rape but merely having

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Eye people shot him dead. We were annoyed and we went and killed one of them in the Vespa area of Ijanikin. It was one of the guys from Igbesa Polytechnic, Ogun State, named Atigba, who gave me the locally made short gun which I used to kill the killer of my cousin. The Eye people later retaliated by killing two members of Black Cat at Church bus stop.

"We later shot one of them, Godspower aka Power in retaliation. The casualties in Eye side now are two, while Black Cat has three casualties. The three Black Cat members they killed are Dike Dik, Tio and Destiny while the two the Black cats killed on the side of Eye are Shino and Seyi. They rushed the person I shot at the chest to hospital where he later died.

On how he was arrested, he said: "I went to lodge in Ayala Hotel along Olorunshogo in the Ijanikin area. I was alone in my hotel room sleeping and somebody came and knocked. When I opened the door, policemen entered. When they searched my room, they found a gun under the bed. When I took them to the house of one of us named Orumo, he scaled the wall and escaped."

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