



Four policemen remanded for alleged murder

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Four policemen attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Lagos State have been remanded in prison custody in Benin, the Edo State capital, for allegedly killing a car dealer, Benson Obode.

The policemen – Adedeji Adeleke, 33; Oniyo Musa, 35; Abena John, 33 and Henry Shobowale, 32 – allegedly went to Edo State to probe a car theft.

They were said to have arrested Benson on May 21 without his family’s knowledge.

After 63 days, the family said they found Benson’s body in a mortuary, where the policemen allegedly dumped it.

The police were said to have described Benson’s killing as “death from a mob action”.

The late Benson’s Automated Teller Machine (ATM) card was said to have been collected from him and over N200,000 withdrawn from his account.

Police Commissioner Chris Ezike told reporters yesterday in Benin that the four policemen were arrested after detectives from the Force Criminal Intelligence and Investigation Department (FCIID) took over the matter.

The police chief said the four policemen were tried, dismissed and charged to court for alleged murder on October 19.

He said the case file had been forwarded to the Department of Public Prosecution (DPP) for legal advice.

Ezike paraded 52 suspected kidnapppers and robbers as well as 35 suspected cultists.

The police chief urged a suspect he described as a notorious kidnapper – Arikpo Nwagbara – to report to the nearest police station.

He said five suspects were arrested for their alleged link with the November 3 Igarra bank robbery in which six persons, including two officers, were killed.

Items reportedly recovered from the suspects include five assorted vehicles, 131 rounds of ammunition, four live cartridges, 47 AK-47, magazines, 21 AK-47, one pump action, two G3 rifles and 34 Improvised Explosive Devices (IEDs).

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