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## ‘My casual visit to Indian hemp bunk turned me into a robber’

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A 34-year-old robbery suspect, Mojeed Ogooluwa, who was arrested with his accomplice, Taoheed Waheed, 30, by the Inspector General of Police Intelligent Response Team (IGP-IRT) has confessed that an unplanned visit to an Indian hemp smoking joint brought him into contact with armed robbers who influenced him to join their gang a few days after losing his regular job.

According to a source, the Inspector-General of Police Intelligence Response Team (IGP-IRT) received information on May 13, 2016 that a gang of armed robbers led by one Mojeed Ogooluwa, aka Terminator, of No. 22, Opeyemi Street, Mowe Ibafo, Ogun State, who specialises in car snatching within Ogun State and Lagos State with a hideout located in Ketu area of Lagos State, was preparing for operation.

The source disclosed that gang members used to converge there to plan criminal activities. Acting on the information, a team of IRT operatives swung into action and arrested Ogooluwa and Waheed, while others escaped.

The two, who were interrogated, confessed to have snatched a Toyota Camry saloon car with an unknown registration number and sold it to one Alhaji, who they claimed could not be traced. They also confessed to have snatched an ash-coloured Toyota Corolla Saloon car with registration number LSR 259 DG and a 2007 model Toyota Camry saloon car, with registration number KJA 997 DH.

They owned up to snatching the two vehicles on the same day and time.

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With police operatives on their trail, the robbers encountered policemen attached to Ogun State SARS at the point where they attempted to sell one of the vehicles and one of them was killed. They were forced to abandon one of the vehicles at Ogere, along the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

I tricked robbers to survive – victim

Of his ordeal with the robbers, the victim, Iyiola Olushola, said: “I am a civil servant, and I work with the Lagos State government. I stay around Ketu area of Lagos State. On the 8th of March, 2016, I was in my room with my kids, sleeping, between 2:00 a.m. and 3:00 a.m., when three persons burst into my room. I don’t know how they got in and one pointed a gun at me and started asking, ‘where is your money?’ He asked me twice, and I told him that my bag was downstairs. I knew I had no money in my bag, but I told them that my bag was downstairs. While we went down, some of them ransacked my room and picked my gold ear rings, laptop and cell phone.

“Later on, they picked my car key and asked for my gate key, and I pointed it to them. They were about five, and they packed themselves into my car and they shot rapidly into the air as they were leaving. Later, they drove back into our compound and picked something again. Surprisingly, and luckily too, a police patrol team showed up and went after the robbers.

When they returned, they told us that the robbers had gone and they took my car registration number and radio. In the morning of the next day, I went to Alapere Police Station and reported the case, and the police did not show much interest in helping us to investigate.

I joined gang to raise my children's school fees, says first suspect

Further in his confession, the Ogooluwa, said: “I am 34-year-old. I am a resident of Ibafo, Ogun State. I am married with two children. I am from Oyo State. I am a bricklayer. I am a member of Eye Confraternity. I started riding Keke NAPEP in Ketu area of Lagos State in 2002. I usually made N7, 000 and saved N2, 000 daily. Four years ago, I became an executive of Keke Marwa Operators Association in Ikosi Isheri unit, Ketu. I was in the post of Financial Secretary. We were affiliated to the National Union of Road Transport workers. My job was to monitor the movement of Keke NAPEP around Ketu and

make sure that there was free flow of traffic. I usually got N5, 000 weekly as food money and by the end of month I got N20, 000.

“In January this year, I was suspended from work, and when it was time for me to pay my children’s school fees, I could not. I met one Agu and Mutiu at a smoking joint in Ketu area and they started talking about robbing cars. I then told them that I could drive. We exchanged numbers and agreed to meet by night time. We met at Ketu Bus Stop, and I saw five boys, who are Agu, Lekan Texas, Yahoo Foreign, Mutiu and I. I don’t know the name of the street in Ketu because it was Agu and Mutiu that took us to the house.

“Three of our gang members had guns. The time was around 1:00 a.m. We invaded a house by scaling the fence, and we broke the door of the house. Two people entered the house to get the car key and I stood outside with two others. After a while, they brought the key of a Toyota Camry and we all drove out with it. On our way, we saw a Toyota Corolla on CMD Road and we robbed it.

“From that point, we proceeded to the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway and we were heading to Ilorin Kwara State to sell the vehicles to our buyers. On our way, the police attacked us where we stopped to buy something to eat. The police shot at us and we all ran away, but the bullet hit one of us, Mutiu, on his abdomen, and we abandoned him and the vehicle and ran into the bush. The police followed us but they stopped when they couldn’t apprehend us.

“After that operation, I quit. But before that operation, Lekan Texas called me and told me that he wanted me to help take the car to one Alhaji.”

I was enticed with food, says second suspect

The second suspect, Taoheed Waheed said: “I am 30-years-old. I live in Ibadan. I am an injector mechanic, and I came to look for work in December 2015. I used to have a shop by Ojo Expressway, but when the expressway was being expanded, my shop was demolished.

“Then I decided to come to Ketu to look for work at Tipper Garage but I was told that there was no work and that they had their own engineer. I met them in Ketu and they used to give me food.”

‘Why we killed mother, daughter over N40, 000, motorcycle’

Okungbowa Aiwerie, Asaba

The Delta State Police Command has arrested two teenagers over the gruesome murder of a mother and her daughter in Agbor, Ika South Local Government Area.

The victims were identified as Edith Sunday and Favour Sunday, as well as Praise Sunday.

The duo also attempted to kill the victim’s son, stabbing him several times in the neck. One of the suspects, Solomon Ogibor (20) and Ola Babatunde (19), in confessing to the crime, said he had no intention of killing the woman but killed her because she identified him.

Ogibor, an apprentice tailor based in Lagos, maintained that the deceased often insulted his dead mother, accusing her of being a ritualist. He said: “Yes, it is true we killed the woman and her daughter and then stabbed her son. We used the kitchen knife we saw in the woman’s kitchen to cut her throat and that of her daughter.

“I was afraid and angered by the attitude of the woman. My friends and I decided to go to the woman at night, just to teach her a lesson by beating. But when we got there, the woman was stubborn. After beating her, as we were leaving, the devil took over our senses when we saw a kitchen knife in the house. We returned to her room and killed her and her daughter because she was calling my name.”

Delta State Police Commissioner, Ibrahim Zanna, who spoke to reporters, said the suspects would soon be arraigned in court, adding that an accomplice of the duo is at large. CP Ibrahim said that the suspects robbed the deceased of N40, 000 and a motorcycle parked in her residence.

Items recovered include one locally made cut-to-size gun, a cutlass and a knife.

But 19-year-old Ola Babatunde, a computer technician, said his friend persuaded him to join the gang. He said that the gang paid N17, 000 for the gun used during the operation, adding that he was pushed by other gang members to kill the woman’s son.

“I stabbed the boy,” he said. “I did not intend to stab the boy, but I was ordered to do it because they said the police would be on our trail since we had already robbed the woman. We are regretting the whole situation. Had I known, we would have let the woman be, but we are begging God to forgive us. We know what we did was very bad but the deed has been done. We regret these killings.”

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