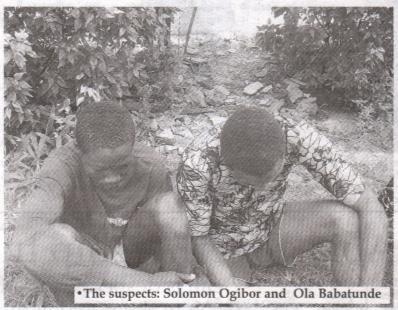
'Why we killed mother, daughter over N40, 000, motorcycle'



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HE Deta 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 sev eral 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

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

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ect, Taoheed Waheed said: "I live in Ibadan. I am an injec-I came to look for work in used to have a shop by Ojo then the expressway was ny shop was demolished. to come to Ketu to look for rage but I was told that there that they had their own engi-Ketu and they used to give

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 sit-uation. 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."