

# How we killed Lagos Pastor- Suspects

• We didn't know he was going to die

**T**WO suspected killers of Babatunde Dada, a pastor of a branch of Re-

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deemed Christian Church of God (RCCG) in the Festac area of Lagos State, Faruk Mohammed and Jamiu Kasali yesterday revealed that they hit the 46-year-old cleric with a bottle on the head and a plank on the neck in order to steal his bag.

Dada was killed inside the church in the Festac area of the state. Faruk Faruk, 15 and Kasali, 17, were paraded by the Commissioner of Police, at the state police command headquarters, Ikeja, admitted before reporters to have perpetrated the crime.

Kasali said: "We killed him because of Faruk who had lied to his mother that he was coming to Lagos from Ilorin for a show and he is going to collect the sum of N200,000 for the show because we are hip-hop artistes; my stage name is Jayfrosh while Farouk is Zeelight. There was no show, it was a lie so we were both staying in the church hoping that we would get a free show to attend where we can get money since we are in December, a festive period.

"Faruk's mum later called him to come back home in Ilorin because she was sick and she needed him around, so we had to find a way to get the N200,000 he had promised his

mum he would get from the show.

"So on that day, on the 2nd of December the pastor was in the church so we went upstairs, I took a plank and my friend (Farouk) took a bottle and we went up to the pastor so my friend threw the bottle at him while I hit him on the neck with the plank I was holding. The Pastor died immediately, we took his bag and ran away immediately. Farouk on his own part, said he regretted their action saying: "I do not feel good about what we have done. When we did what we did, we did not know whether the pastor had money or not, we really didn't mean to kill the pastor. I have been doing music since 2014, I just thought I would be able to get shows by coming to Lagos".

According to the CP Odumosu, the exhibits used in perpetuating in act were recovered from the scene.

"The suspects, after committing the murderous act, absconded to unknown places. However, following intensive and discreet investigation, they were arrested in their hideouts. While Farouk was arrested in Ilorin, Kwara state, Jamiu Kasali was arrested in Festac Area of Lagos