

**A** CULT member, Tijani Olagunju yesterday confessed to having killed three rival cult members to get promoted to the number two position in his group in the Ilorin zone.

Tijani, a member of the Eiye Confraternity, said he used a pistol belonging to his late Army Captain father AbdulAzeez Olagunju, to carry out the killings.

He added that he was chosen by his gang members to be the executioner of rival cult members in superiority brawls.

The suspect told our correspondent in Ilorin, the Kwara state capital on the sidelines of his parade by the state command of the Nigeria Police.

Tijani also revealed that he dropped out of the University

# I killed three persons to get promotion, says cult member

From Adekunle Jimoh, Ilorin

of Ilorin, adding that he joined the cult gang in 2019.

He added that the accompanying benefits of being the number two person in the zone include food, drinks, women and money.

"My gang members picked me as their hitman (executioner) to accelerate my rise to the number two position in the Ilorin zone," he added.

Parading Tijani, the police spokesman, Ajayi Okasanmi

said the suspect was arrested for belonging to a gang of thieves and cult gang.

Okasanmi said: "The suspect, during one of the cult's escapades, himself and the other suspects at large, armed with one English Pistol and a locally fabricated pistol attacked and killed one Ismaila Alabi a.k.a Abbey, a barber at his shop in Agbooba area of Ilorin on 21st of April.

"Tijani further confessed that sometime in February 2021 he also shot and killed one Emmanuel, a student of Human

Kinetic Education, University of Ilorin, in a bid to fast track his ascension to the top position in his cult group. Upon inquiry as to the source of his weapons, he confirmed that he took possession of his late father's pistol, a retired army captain which he used in the killings he participated in.

"The pistol according to him is currently with a member of the Eiye cult group presently at large. Investigation into the matter is ongoing for possible arrest and prosecution of the suspects."

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