

## 'How native doctor, two others kidnapped, killed varsity student'

**T**HREE suspects have been arrested by men of Edo State Police Command for the kidnapping and killing a 19-year-old, 200-Level student of Delta State University, Agbor, Faith Omodon, who was declared missing some weeks ago. They are Chukwuyem Jonah, 26, a native doctor; Godspower Chukwuedo, 23; and Christopher Nwachukwu, 22.

Chukwuedo and Nwachukwu yesterday told the Edo State Commissioner of Police, Funsho Adegboye, how they kidnapped and killed the undergraduate, who went to her father's farm in Ewohon/Uwemen communities in Othionmwon Local Government Area of Edo with a Lifan CG 125 motorcycle on April 1, 2024, but never returned home, while Jonah denied involvement in the dastardly act.

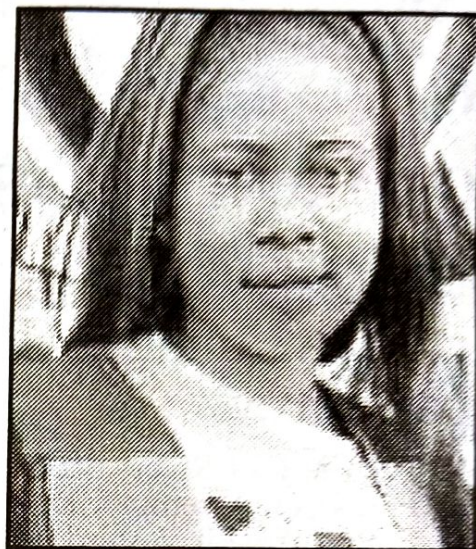
The case of the missing daughter was immediately reported at Abudu Police Divisional headquarters by the university student's father, Edward Omodon. The three suspects were paraded with 11 others by Adegboye. The Edo CP said: "After a preliminary investigation was conducted by the Abudu Division, the case was transferred to State

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"The State CID's operatives, while collaborating with the vigilance group members in the area, arrested two suspects: Godspower Chukwuedo and Christopher Nwachukwu. The two suspects made statements to the police, and confessed that they were sent by Chukwuyem Jonah, a native doctor, who lives in Iru community, near Abudu, Edo State, to go after Faith Omodon in the farm and kidnap her, to enable them to collect ransom from her rich father, with the promise of paying them N30,000.

"The suspects further confessed that they were resisted by Faith Omodon, and in the process, they strangled her. The confessional statements of the two suspects (Godspower Chukwuedo and Christopher Nwachukwu), led to the arrest of the native doctor at Iru community on May 7, 2024." Godspower Chukwuedo and Christopher Nwachukwu said they did not know the undergraduate before, but the native doctor took them to the farm, and also told them that



• The late Omodon

she would come home during Easter celebration."

Adegboye also cautioned parents and guardians to be wary of where they would send their children and wards, while hinting that investigation was ongoing by policemen to recover the victim's body, with the suspects to also be charged to court.

Nwachukwu, a farmer, who was based in Agbor, told reporters, that Chukwuedo, a Benin-based bricklayer, contracted for the job.

Chukwuedo said after strangling the victim, they left her unconscious with the native doctor in the farm, but made away with her mobile phone and the motorcycle.

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