

Police burst cab operators' killers, arrest seven suspects

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David Segun, 21, Samuel Ariori, 21, and Lukman Ariori, 19—requested the ride around midnight on Thursday at the Chevron area of Lekki en route to Obalende.

"Upon arriving at Obalende in a secluded area, they robbed and killed the Uber driver by stabbing him multiple times in the neck. Fortunately, they could not steal the vehicle, thanks to the intervention of good Samaritans and passersby. Two suspects were immediately arrested and handed over to police operatives at Lion Building.

"Further investigation led to the arrest of two more fleeing

suspects, in the Chevron area of Lagos. The driver's body was deposited at the Mainland Hospital morgue, Yaba," said CP Ishola.

He revealed that three other suspects, Edmond Julius, 34, Abdullahi Umar, 32, and Saturday Oke, 40, were also arrested in connection with the murder of another Uber driver three months ago.

Ishola said the suspects confessed to kidnapping an Uber driver, Oluwaseyi Fowler, at Ajah and robbed him of his Toyota Camry car before killing him.

"The suspects sold the stolen vehicle to their receiver and led the police to recover the decomposed body of the

deceased and the vehicle.

Ishola noted that the latest was the third reported incident in three months while others are still unknown. He advised Uber drivers to pick one passenger at a time ensure they were searched, and have them sit in the front passenger seat.

He also announced plans to provide security tips to drivers to prevent them from becoming victims.

The CP said the command was working on an advanced security strategy that would see to the deployment of drones across the length and breadth of the state for fast anti-crime interventions where necessary.

DISTURBED by the rising cases of car snatching gangs that usually target and kill hailing service drivers, the Lagos Police Command yesterday said its operatives have smashed syndicates and arrested seven suspects.

The Commissioner of Police (CP) Olarenwaju Ishola disclosed that while briefing journalists on the successes recorded since September.

The police boss said one of the syndicates was a four-man gang headed by a United States (US) teenager WW who was relocated to Nigeria by his father.

He said the gang stabbed an Uber rider to death in an attempt to steal his Toyota Camry, on Thursday, January 9, adding that the vehicle had been recovered from them.

According to the CP, the suspects—Emeka Akwara, 19,