

Suspected ritual killer on the run after murder of six-yr-old girl

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THE State Criminal Investigation Department of Oyo State Police Command is currently on the lookout for a fleeing suspected murderer, Biodun Nasiru a.k.a. *Aafa*, in whose room the decapitated body of a six-year-old girl, Oladayo Yetunde Glory, was found, two days after she was declared missing.

The primary school pupil's remains were found in Biodun's room at his Isale Awero residence, Moniya area of Ibadan on March 16, with her head cut off, and her stomach ripped open, with her entrails packed in a bucket within the room.

Crime Reports gathered that Glory's guardian, Mrs Mary Olaniyi, who is her aunt, reported at Moniya police station on Wednesday March 12 that the girl was missing. The girl was said to have told her cousins who she usually waited for after school hours because they were doing after-school coaching, that she wanted to go and drink water.

That was the last her cousins saw of her as they searched all the nooks and crannies of the community for the young girl, all to no avail. It was further gathered that immediately the Divisional Police Officer, Aderemi Balogun, a Superintendent of Police, learnt of the case, he deployed plain-clothed detectives around the community to mount surveillance on movement of people.

This, it was gathered, must have made it difficult for the suspect to move the remains of the girl out of his room, hence his decision to abandon the body and its parts and disappear with his wife and two children.

On Friday, March 14, information got to Mrs Olaniyi that an unusual odour was being perceived from the building where Biodun resided with his family and his landlady. She, along with members of the community, went to the police station to inform the law enforcement agents.

By the time the police forcefully gained entry into the room, they were hit by the putrid smell emanating from the room where they saw the body of the missing already beheaded. The body was tied in a wrapper while the entrails were kept in a bucket. The investigating from Moniya police station took the remains to the mortuary while the case

was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department for further investigation.

On receipt of the case at State CID on March 15, *Crime Reports* learnt that a team of detectives from homicide section, led by Inspector Dauda Animashaun, went back to Biodun's room where the deceased's missing head was found wrapped in a red cloth and covered with another wrapper at a corner in the room.

A brother of the fleeing suspect, simply known as TJ, was reported to have informed homicide detectives that Nasiru had once made an attempt on his mother in December 2013. TJ was quoted to have said that his mother called him and revealed that while she was sleeping, Biodun attempted to cover her with a white cloth during the time he visited her.

The police source said that TJ

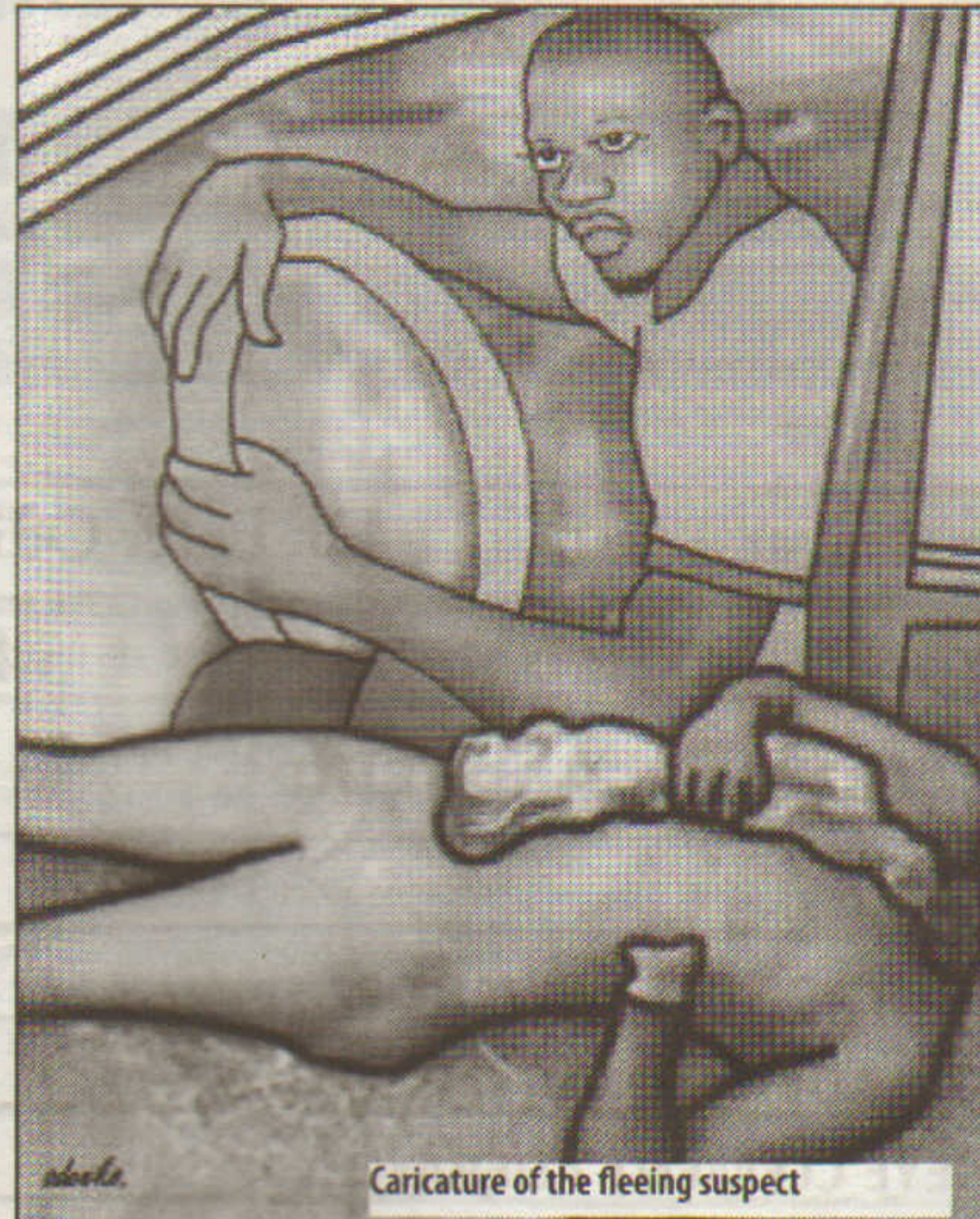
thereafter advised his mother to leave her home and relocate to another place which was not disclosed to the runaway suspect until his recent act. At the time he did that to his mother, TJ told the police that they thought Biodun was developing a psychiatric problem, unknown to them that he had an ulterior motive.

Crime Reports investigations revealed that Biodun was residing in Abuja until he relocated to Ibadan in February 2014. His wife was said to have been the one who rented the apartment in which the dastard killing was done in January this year. His mother was reported to have revealed to the police that her son, Biodun, was a Christian, but could not understand why he was being popularly called *Aafa*.

Community members who spoke under anonymity also said that the suspect

used to sit at the backyard of the building he rented, not outside which was beside

the road. He was reported to be unfriendly as he always looked down and would not



Caricature of the fleeing suspect

exchange greetings with neighbours. His landlady, who was the only other occupant of the eight-room uncompleted building that housed Biodun and his family, reportedly travelled to Saki when the incident happened.

Confirming the incident, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mrs Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor, a Superintendent of Police, said that the command was on the lookout for the suspect.

Describing the suspect's action as wicked and inhuman, the PPRO appealed to members of the public who come across him to quickly inform policemen at nearest police station or call the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of State Criminal Investigation Department, Dasuki Galandachi, on 08126369999.

Our victim was prey because of greed — 3-member fraud syndicate

THREE members of a fraud syndicate, which had been duping innocent residents of Ibadan, Oyo State, by posing as commercial driver and passengers with dollars in the car boot, have been arrested by detectives from Egbeda Division in Oyo State Police Command.

The three suspects whose names were given as Akinola Kazeem, Aderibigbe Gbenga and Adeolu Emmanuel were arrested after they allegedly robbed and raped a female passenger who boarded a taxi they were using for their operation.

The woman, Mary (surname withheld) of Ketu area, Lagos State, reported to the police that on February 27 at about 2.30p.m., she boarded a taxi cab with registration number CW 396 FST at Iwo road, Ibadan going to Alakia area.

Mary told the policemen at Egbeda Division that she met

two men in the cab and the driver took her to an unknown place where they collected the sum of N30,000, her Nokia GSM valued N18,500, crayfish valued N3,000 and two packets of plantain chips valued at N200, all totalling N51,700.

The woman said that the suspects took her to a dilapidated building where they gang-raped her, before sending her off with a strict warning that she should not tell anyone or she would die. *Crime Reports* learnt that on the receipt of the information, policemen swung into action and were able to arrest the suspects, with their operational vehicle recovered.

In an interview with *Crime Reports*, one of the suspects who played the role of the driver, Kazeem (37) said he was an auto mechanic and worked for about six years until he started operating as

a fraudster in 2013. According to Kazeem, "our method of operation is like this: I would pick a taxi with two of my syndicate members inside. When we pick a passenger, one of us called Gbenga would say he wants to disembark.

"He would tell me that he wants to pick his bag from the boot of the car and I would challenge him on why he did not respond when I asked for the owner of the bag. He would say he is the owner but I would that I don't believe him, demanding to know the content. He would say that it contains shoes and clothes. I would counter him, saying that I saw money in the bag and threatening to drive him to the police station.

"He would plead that I should not take him to the police. I would ask him to tell us how he got the dollars I saw inside the bag. He would

then say that he just came from Northern Nigeria where he worked as a house help and that he stole the money from his boss. He would plead again that I should not take him to the police station.

"If the passenger we pick is the stupid or greedy type, he or she would also plead that the man should not be taken to the police because the police would share the money. We would agree that the man should give us part of it but he would say we would need a spiritualist to cast off the spell on the money. We would all agree to look for one.

"We would go to our office to meet One of us who disguise as an Islamic cleric. He would tell us that the charm placed on the dollars was potent but he would neutralise it if we could pay N100,000. He would tell us that the charm was from Mecca. We would all decide to contribute the amount, including our victim but if she says she doesn't have money, we let her go.

On February 27, we picked our last victim at Iwo Road. We went through the same process and she told us that she had N8,000. We told her that we would go and look for our own share of the money. She started discussing with the *Afaa* that she needed a child which had not been possible because of fibroid. He promised to help her and recommended some things for her to get. She was told to go and get salt and we took her to the

market. While she was buying it, we left her and went away."

Kazeem pleaded for forgiveness, saying that he and other syndicate members were forced into the criminal act because there was no other means of survival. "Now that we have been caught, we know that crime does not pay," Kazeem said.

He said it was the *Afaa* who brought the idea and gave the vehicle being used to perpetrate the crime. Kazeem added that the man, who is currently at large, was also the one who connected him with the two others.

The second suspect, Gbenga (26), formerly an *okada* rider, said "My bike was stolen and it was difficult to survive so I was invited by one Akin Festus to join the fraud business. He was the one acting as *Afaa* though he is a Christian. I believe it was the greed of the lady that made her fall victim to our deceit. We collected N8,000 and one phone. It is a big lie that we had sex with her. We are just fraudsters."

The third suspect, Emmanuel (35), also corroborated the statement of his syndicate members.

When contacted on the story, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Olabisi Okuwobi-Ilobanafor, said that the suspects had been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Iyaganku, Ibadan for further investigations. She added that they had been charged to court.



The suspects