

# How we killed rival cult member in revenge

## —Cultist/kidnap suspect

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A group of cultists whose members also engaged in kidnapping in Ogun State have been singing like canaries on their criminal activities after their arrest by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Ogun State Police Command in connection with killing of a suspected member of a rival cult group and the kidnap of some residents of the state.

The suspects include Akindumila John, Olanrewaju Titilayo, Balogun Shakiru, Jimoh Sikiru and Adesanya Emmanuel. Among the exhibits recovered from the gang were two locally-made single barrel guns, six live cartridges and assorted charms.

Speaking with *Crime Reports* in Abeokuta on Thursday, August 6, 2015, the state Commissioner of Police, Abdulmajid Ali, said that the officer-in-charge of SARS, Abeokuta, Mohammed Tijani, received information on the hideout of the suspects at Ikise, Igibile area in Ijebu Ode.

"On receipt of the information, a decoy team attached to SARS and led by one Inspector Adeyemi Akeem, were detailed to the scene," Ali disclosed, adding that the hideout was busted and the suspects arrested.

The police commissioner stated further that efforts were on to arrest other members of the gang who are currently at large.

In his confession during an interview with *Crime Reports*, John, from Ido Ani, Ondo State, who claimed to be living at Omu-Ijebu in Ogun State, said: "I am a member of *Aye* Confraternity. I joined the cult group on January 9, 2013. I was arrested because we killed a member of a rival cult group, *Eye* Confraternity, known as Efrebor. We practised cultism at Ijebu-Ode.

"We decided to kill him to revenge the killing of one of our members by the rival cult group at Isiwotown in 2013. That year, we came back to Ijebu-Ode and informed our leaders. They told us to retaliate anytime we see any of them in Ijebu-Ode. On July 6, 2015, five of us sighted one of the *Eye* cult members,

pursued him and brought him down.

"It is true I was also involved in kidnapping. I

have joined my gang members to kidnap two people. In the first operation, we drove to a woman's shop

in Ijebu-Ode to abduct her. We went with three guns and we were five in number. The gang members in-

clude Solá, Olalomi, Sikiru, Dare and I.

"I started kidnapping last year. We collected

N500,000 from the woman and I got N80,000. The second victim was a young girl. We kidnapped her from her residence in Ijebu-Ode. We got N130,000 from her family, out of which I was given N25,000.

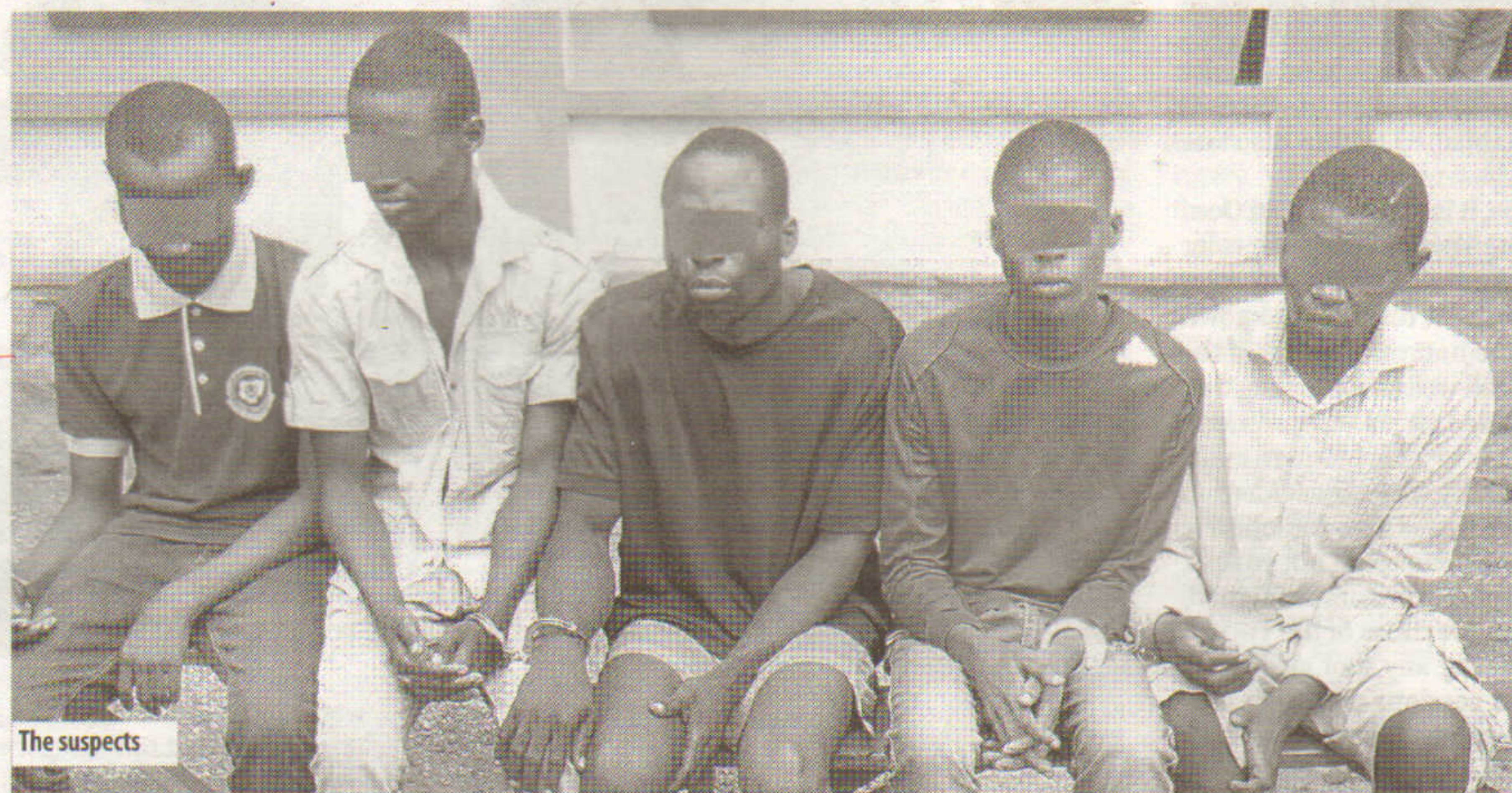
"We usually kept our victims at Igaro at Omu area. We used to keep our weapons with a member of *Aye* cult group. We bought the guns from one Lekan in Lagos State."

Another member of the gang, Titilayo (21) also spoke on how his cult gang members killed Efrebor: "We were riding on a motorcycle. Efrebor was also on another motorcycle when we sighted him. We pursued him and caught up with him. We dragged him off the bike and I was the one who first inflicted machete cuts on his head. We decided to use cutlass because all the gunshots fired at him did not penetrate his body.

Shakiru (35) from Ago-Iwoye, who was the kidnap gang driver, also confessed thus: "I did kidnapping with the gang in 2014. My car was used and I drove the gang to the operation. I was given N100,000 after the Ijebu-Ode kidnap of a woman. We did not succeed at the second operation. We went after an honourable member at Ago-Iwoye but did not meet him. I was not part of the kidnap of the 11-year-old girl."

Sikiru (21), who was alleged of being an armourer for the gang, denied the allegation, saying: "I did not follow the gang for any operation. It was one Wasiu Itako who kept a gun in the ceiling of my room but I only got to know on the day of my arrest. When Wasiu got wind of the arrest of his friends, he called me to help him give the gun he kept inside my room ceiling to one Olalomi. I took the gun to my shop and the police came there to arrest me."

The fifth suspect, Emmanuel, who was with Sikiru when he was to be arrested, and who reportedly claimed to be a soldier said he did not know anything about the gang's operations. "I was with Sikiru in his shop when the police came to arrest him but what became my undoing was that I called myself a soldier. I did that because I just collected a form for recruitment into the army," he said regretfully.



The suspects

## Night crawler shoots guard for stopping him

A night crawler, Abdugafar Odunayo, who allegedly killed a member of a vigilance group who tried to stop him in the early hours of Thursday August, 6, 2015 at Divine Estate Community, Ijoko, Ogun State has been arrested by the Ogun State Police Command.

Crime Reports gathered that the unit commander of the Vigilante Group, one Ibrahim Olukoye reported at Sango Ota Division that the suspect attacked his vigilance group members at about 12.15a.m. while they were on duty in the estate.

The suspect was alleged to have snatched the locally-made single-barrel gun belonging to the night guard, after which he shot him on the head. The night guard reportedly died instantly.

Parading the murder suspect at the police headquarters at Elewera, Abeokuta, the Commissioner of Police, Abdulmajid Ali, said that immediately the report was received, detectives from the Division were dispatched to scene where they arrested the suspect. The gun used in killing the night guard was also recovered. An unconfirmed

report had it that Odunayo was drunk before his encounter with the vigilance group members.

But Odunayo, whose speech was slurred as he spoke, claimed that he was not drunk. Making efforts to sit straight as he spoke with *Crime Reports*, Odunayo said: "I am from Abeokuta, Ogun State. I am a mechanical engineer. I did not shoot the security man.

"What happened was that a fight was going on in my neighbourhood. As I was going home from work on the fateful day, the deceased stopped me.

He and his partner started questioning my movement and I told them that I was living nearby. The two of them started beating me until I was injured.

"He coked his gun to shoot me and I was dragging the gun with him, a shot rang out and hit him. I am not feeling well and I can't even put myself together."

The police commissioner however said that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the mortuary while the suspect would be charged to court after the completion of investigations.

'We intended using 'grabber' to steal bank customers' cash'

with Adass and Jevy, and also picked Ola in Ibadan. On getting to Iseyin, we called the bank staff and were seated in a bar when police came to apprehend us. I never knew things would turn out like this, as I have my own legitimate business.

He told me that he would give me one USB to give the banker, and once it is inserted into a bank's sys-

my friend and I needed his phone number urgently.

He tried to call the banker but the call did not go through. He gave me the number and I called the banker. I met with him later and introduced the idea sold to me by Olalekan. It was agreed that we should all meet to discuss. We were

to be his friend. I thought he was probably stranded and needed financial help.

I tried getting the staff on phone but could not get through. That was what made me give him the number. I did not know that he wanted to use the number for negative purposes.

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