

## Two men in police net for allegedly killing wives over 'cheating'

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TWO men who allegedly killed their wives at different locations in the state over perceived extramarital activities have been arrested by the police.

The incidents occurred separately in Bangi, Mariga Local Government Area and Gawu Babangida community in Gurara Local Government Area of the state.

According to a press statement obtained by the *Nigerian Tribune* from the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Mr. Muhammad Abubakar, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, on Thursday in Minna, the state capital, the first incident occurred on Tuesday, December 25, at about 7:00 a.m.

Police detectives attached to Bangi division reportedly arrested one Farida Alhaji Banti (39) on the same day for allegedly killing his wife, one Hajo a.k.a. Maijari.

The release added that investigation by the police revealed that the deceased left her matrimonial home over a misunderstanding with her husband and shunned all entreaties made by the

husband for her to return to his house.

This was said to have infuriated the husband, leading to him inflicting machete cuts on his wife's neck which led to her death.

*Nigerian Tribune* further learnt that when the report got to the police, some detectives were detailed to trail the suspect, and he was apprehended.

The PPRO said: "During interrogation, the suspect confessed to the crime and he has been charged to court for prosecution."

He stated further that on December 28, at about 10:00 a.m., police detectives attached to Gawu Babangida Division arrested one David Ishaya (29) for allegedly killing his wife, one Rifkatu David (25).

The suspect, according to Abubaka, killed his wife by stabbing her on the chest with a knife for allegedly going out with her former lover.

He added that when a report was made to the police, the suspect was trailed and arrested.

He added that the suspect also confessed to the crime and had since been charged to court.

## Six suspected touts face trial for alleged display of firearms

SIX suspected touts, on Thursday, appeared before an Ikeja Chief Magistrates' Court, Lagos for allegedly causing terror to inhabitants of Ojo area of the metropolis.

The defendants: Godwin Chineye, 19; Rasheed Eniola, 18; Obumaeme Azubuike, 36; Waheed Femi, 32; Kamali Maikazi, 18; and Chidiebere Onyeboyin, 26, were all residents of Ojo area of Lagos.

They are standing trial on a three-count charge of conspiracy, wilful damage and display of firearms and other weapons.

The prosecutor, Inspector Peter Nwangwu, told the court that the defendants committed the offence with

some other persons still at large on December 23 at 4:45 p.m., at NEPA Junction, Alaba Road, Ojo, Lagos.

Nwangwu, said that the defendants allegedly used iron rod to damage the front screen and side glass of a Ford Explorer SUV valued at N650, 000, property of one Mr Obuzor Uzodinma.

He said the defendants conducted themselves in a manner that was likely to breach the peace by invading the community.

"The accused, along with some hired thugs, unlawfully displayed guns, cutlasses, knives, battle axes, broken bottles and other weapons, which they used in attacking people.

"They unlawfully displayed arms and threatened members of the community," he said.

According to the prosecutor, the offence contravened sections 51, 330 and 411 of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State, 2015 (Revised).

The defendants, however, pleaded not guilty to the charge.

The Chief Magistrate, Y.O Aje-Afunwa, granted the defendants N450, 000 bail each, with two sureties each in like sum.

Aje-Afunwa said that the sureties should be blood relations of the defendants, and they should show evidence of tax payment to the Lagos State government.