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suspects paraded by the Ekiti State Police Command on Tuesday

Mother, son in police net for alleged armed robbery, cultism

Police arrest suspected killers of House of Assembly member in Ekiti

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A middle-aged woman, Bola Obamoyegun, whose two sons are currently serving terms in prison, is among 29 suspects of various crimes paraded by the police in Ekiti State, on Tuesday, in what the command described as "a major breakthrough for us and our society."

Among the suspects paraded also on Tuesday by the Commissioner of Police, Mr Amba Asuquo, was Dele Obamoyegun, 27, who is another son of Mrs Obamoyegun.

Nigerian Tribune learnt that Dele was arrested along with five other

suspects for alleged armed robbery, murder and cultism, while his mother was nabbed for "conspiracy, armed robbery and receiving stolen property."

According to Asuquo, "it was revealed from investigation that some of the property stolen by the suspects were Dele's share from the proceeds of armed robbery operation carried out by his gang."

Mrs. Obamoyegun admitted to newsmen that her sons were serving terms for crimes she didn't disclose, and also admitted to Dele being her son.

She disclosed that only one plasma television set was brought home by her son,

adding: "nearly all the 10 mobile handsets they (police) found in my house are not working."

According to Asuquo, the six-man robbery gang, to which Dele belonged, also allegedly admitted to killing a member of the Ekiti State House of Assembly, Mr. Michael Adededeji.

He gave the names of the other all-male gang members as Idowu Sunday a.k.a. Longer, 25; Adeniyi Wumi, a.k.a. Wumi Woro, 23; Leye Ojo, a.k.a. Danku, 26; Ak-indahunsi Damilola, a.k.a. Akure, 22; and Olaosebikan Babatunde, 48.

Forty-year-old Mr Adededeji, a Peoples Democratic Party (PDP) lawmaker that represented

Ekiti South West Constituency II, was shot in the head on August 10, 2018 at GRA, Ado Ekiti capital city and died a few days later.

Asuquo said that the gang members confessed to the crime and had also confessed to killing one Kayode Omowaye when they raided a hotel in Oye Ekiti also on August 10, 2018.

He said exhibits recovered from the suspects were cut-to-size guns; 17 live cartridges; 75 handsets, seven laptop computers, cash sum of N147,000; four stolen vehicles, one of which he said belonged to the late Omowaye, among other exhibits.

The CP said the suspects

were arrested by men and officers of Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (F-SARS) during a stop and search operation at Ado-Iworoko road.

Dele, who said he was the gang leader, told newsmen that "we shot Adededeji after robbing him. He did not struggle with us but one of us just shot him. I have to confess, we didn't know he was a lawmaker."

The police commissioner said what was most disturbing was that Dele's mother was "the one accepting and concealing stolen items for the robbery gang, being led by her son," and added that the robbery gang also invaded Afe Babalola University (ABUAD) junior staff quarters and snatched a car belonging to one Mrs Bosede Ojo.

The Ekiti CP said: "Dele's mother was the one concealing stolen items for them. As we speak, two of her children had been convicted for robbery and this to us was a failure of motherhood. Our parents must learn how to make their children responsible."

burns immigration checkpoint in Katsina

An eyewitness in the area who gave his name as Al-haji M. Hamza told the **Nigerian Tribune** that an immigration officer at the checkpoint shot and killed the driver while he was trying to cross.

Hamza stated further "that when the driver approached the checkpoint,

his brake failed; and while trying to avoid the checkpoint, an officer who got angry shot and killed him."

According to the witness, the villagers close to the checkpoint mobilised themselves and attacked the checkpoint, burning their makeshift tents.

Hamza added that the

officers at the checkpoint managed to escape unhurt when the mob attacked.

Among the items burnt were two official and two private vehicles belonging to the immigration officers.

Some passengers whom the **Nigerian Tribune** spoke with at the scene of

the incident complained on how the checkpoint was erected on a sharp bend.

Attempt by the **Nigerian Tribune** to speak with the immigration officers at their headquarters in Katsina was not successful, as the officers were not on seat, while a call to one of their lines went unanswered.