

Police arrest five suspects for allegedly beating auto mechanic to death in Osun

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AUTHORITIES of the Osun State Police Command, on Thursday, said five suspects have been arrested for allegedly beating an auto mechanic, Azeez Adeleke, with a charmed ring, which resulted in his death.

The suspects were said to

have committed the crime at the Igbola area of Ikirun, the headquarters of Ifelodun Local Government Area of the state.

A relation of the deceased, who pleaded anonymity while speaking to *Nigerian Tribune*, said that 30-year-old Azeez had gone to the house of his friend, Adebayo Wasiu, who was marking the birthday of one of his children at

about 5:00 p.m., last Sunday.

While leaving the venue of the party, some people, said to be the sons of a popular Islamic cleric in the town, were said to be sitting on his motorcycle.

"Adeleke asked them to get off his motorcycle. This led to an argument, and, later, a fight. He was beaten by the four boys and his clothes torn.

"He just managed to leave the scene and moved a few kilometres when he realised he had been beaten with a charmed ring. When he got to a filling station, he could not go again; he parked and asked workers at the station for water. Not quite long after, he died," the relation of the deceased stated.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer

(PPRO) for Osun Command, Mrs Folasade Odoro said that the state Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Ige had ordered a thorough investigation into the matter, saying the father of the deceased, Waheed Adeleke reported the incident on Monday, at about 1:30 a.m.

"The deceased was lying down beside his motorcycle at TJ filling station and was

then conveyed to Alayo Private Hospital where a doctor confirmed him dead.

"Information revealed that some boys fought with him at Emiloju Area of Ikirun where he attended his friend's son's birthday. His remains have been deposited in the morgue for autopsy. Five suspects have been arrested in connection with the crime," Odoro stated.

Aggrieved residents storm