

Notorious motorcycle snatcher kills two in Ondo

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A notorious motorcycle thief (name withheld) has been arrested by members of a vigilante group in Akunnu Akoko, after snatching and killing two commercial motorcycle operators in the area.

The suspect was apprehended at Akunnu Akoko, a boundary town between Ondo and Kogi states, while attempting to escape from the state with one of the motorcycles.

The suspect was said to have killed the two motorcycle operators separately before snatching their motorcycles.

It was gathered that one of the okada riders, Dada Jatto, from Iyani-Akoko, was strangled by the suspect, who had lured him inside a bush.

The remains of Jatto, a father of two, were discovered about three days after a party was raised to search for him.

A source within the community explained that "Jatto was reported to be missing for about three days and we organised a search party for him.

"We, however, discovered

his mutilated body with his damaged phone along Arigidi-Akoko and One Agbe road, but without his motorcycle.

"The second incident involved a Hausa man, who was also a commercial okada rider. The man was lured from Ikare-Akoko to the hideout on Arigidi road, where the suspect hit him with a sledge hammer on the head.

"The young man became unconscious and his motorcycle was taken. However, he was found by some people and was taken to the hospital for treatment.

"He was able to explain what happened and gave the description of his attacker, but we discovered he had left the town.

"We decided to trace him and he was apprehended at a boundary town between Ondo and Kogi states, around Akunnu Akoko, with the motorcycle."

The source, however, disclosed that the second victim died some few hours after the suspect was arrested by the vigilante group.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Funmi Odunlami, said the incident was reported to the police.