

CRIME FEATURE



CONFESSION OF SUSPECTED SERIAL KILLER!

I'm ready to die, but wish to come as new man in another world

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A suspected serial killer, Ogunnaike Philip, who made young ladies his victims, has confessed to how he got three females killed to get their phones to sell and get some money as ransom from their families while pretending they were still alive. Not only that, he spoke on how he raped two victims before killing one of them, and only spared the life of his fourth victim after collecting her phone. He revealed how he bore different names in all the places he was going so that he would not be easily detected as an ex-prison inmate and serial killer.

The suspect, who spoke boldly and seemed not afraid of the worst judgment to be delivered on his case by a court of law, however, said that he would choose a decent path of life if opportune to come in the next world. As if he had already accepted that he would be killed for committing murder, Philip also said that he has a particular food he would like to take before the execution of the judgment, promising to reveal it when the time comes.

Philip, aged 29, was arrested by Ogun State Police Command for allegedly kidnapping, raping and robbing before killing his victims.

The late victims included Dina Abigail, aged 22; Ogunyemi Mary, 23 years old; and Akinsanya Abibat, aged 18.

Exhibits recovered from him included iPhone XR, iPhone 11, Infinix Hot 10 phone, Moniepoint POS machine and two black ropes.

Briefing journalists on the incident last week during a visit to the crime scenes, the Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Alamu, said that at about 8:10am on May 26, 2024, Abigail, a nurse, left her home at Iyana Egbado in

Ewekoro Local Government Area of the state to her work place at Sodipo Medical Centre, Ilori, but was kidnapped and taken to a forest in the same area.

"Philip robbed the victim of her iPhone XR and strangled her to death. The kidnapper later contacted the victim's family on phone and collected the sum of N50,000 as ransom after abandoning the corpse in the forest."

"He confessed that he fled to Saki town in Oyo State, and swapped the stolen iPhone XR with Infinix Hot 10 and got N65,000 payment for it," the police commissioner stated.

The police boss said that also on July 3, at about 10am, Mary was sent on errand by her mother, Mrs. Ogunyemi Esther to go and buy fruits for her at Adatan from Asero Estate.

The suspect who was squatting with someone in the same compound with the victim accompanied her and reportedly lured her to a nearby bush at Asero Estate where his accomplice, later known as Danjuma and currently at large, was hiding.

Sunday Tribune learnt that Mary was tied with rope and robbed off her iPhone, after which Philip and his accomplice jointly strangled her to death.

The two suspects later contacted the victim's mother on phone, and collected N17,000 as ransom. They were said to have abandoned the victim's corpse in the bush and fled to Badagry, Lagos State to sell off the stolen iPhone for N8,000.

On August 30, 2024, at about 5pm, Philip was on the prowl again as he made the daughter of his guardian/employer, Abibat, another victim.

Sunday Tribune learnt that the matter was reported to the police by the deceased's father, Mr Akinsanya Shamsudeen of Mile 6, Abeokuta,

who said that he received a call through his daughter's phone that she had been kidnapped.

The father said that he was asked to pay a ransom of N1 million for her release, but was only able to pay N30,000 into the Moniepoint account number provided by the kidnapper.

Sadly, the teenager's corpse was later found inside her father's farm at Qbasa Village, Mile 6, Abeokuta, with her Moniepoint POS machine by her side.

It was further gathered that after the suspect's arrest and subsequent confessions to the crimes, he led a team of policemen from Anti-kidnapping Unit to various locations where the three victims were killed.

Further investigation had revealed that the suspect escaped from Ibara Correctional Centre about two years ago when he was being taken to the Magistrate's Court, Isabo, concerning a case of armed robbery that was pending before the court.

Addressing journalists at the spot where one of the bodies was found, CP Alamu said: "We will change our security strategy by creating environment where we include all stakeholders, particularly the mosque, the church, and religious leaders to do more of sensitisation."

"This is because a situation where a 29-year-old person can be so heartless to carry out such killings is so disturbing. Unfortunately, these victims were innocent young ladies."

"He used to work with the father of the third victim. He was already familiar with the family. He knew when the girl would be sent to the farm. He strangled her there and collected her phone to get a ransom."

"We can understand the agony of the family of the deceased because it is not easy to see the carcass of one's relative without any justifiable

reason. However, jungle justice is never the solution."

"The law has to take its course but I believe we need to make this known to the general public so that our youths will be reminded that the only way to success is hard work."

He said that the reason behind going to the scenes of the crime was to perfect the investigation, as it forms part of what is needed by the court to eventually arrive at the judgment.

The commissioner of police added that the suspect would be charged to court for kidnapping, murder and conspiracy.

Giving vivid details into the three murders to Sunday Tribune, the 29-year-old suspect, who hails from Aiyeye area of Ogun State, said: "I learnt how to repair motorcycles and generators. I attended primary and secondary schools."

"It is true I committed murder and also collected my victims' phones for sale. I killed two people alone while I was joined by an accomplice, popularly known as Danjuma, to kill one more person."

The first killing

"It was Abigail. We met along a path. I presented myself as a seer and deceived her into believing that she had aura that would attract men. She asked what she would do and I told her that she would follow me into the bush to cut some leaves."

"Inside the bush, I held her neck tightly and told her to open her phone with her password. I threatened to kill her if she did not. She didn't open it fully so I collected it from her and used rope to tie her hands. I killed her thereafter."

"I went to Saki to swap her phone with that

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