

Parents, siblings kill family's bad boy

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A man, his wife and three of his children are now in police custody for allegedly killing another member of the family.

The suspects; Paul Chukwuma, Caroline Chukwuma, Patience Chukwuma, Eucharika Chukwuma and Ijeoma Chukwuma, on Monday, reportedly strangled 20-year-old Emmanuel Chukwuma to death.

Our correspondent gathered that a neighbour of the family at their residence on Omolaja Street, Oke-Odo, a suburb of Lagos, reported the case at the Oke-Odo police station at about 4.30am.

The neighbour (name withheld) was quoted as saying that he heard a loud noise in the compound and he rushed out of his apartment, only to discover that the suspects had strangled Emmanuel.

Preliminary police report showed that all members of the family had, before the incident, been complaining about the behaviour of the deceased.

It was learnt that they have at various times complained bitterly about his attitude of staying out late into the night and the kind of friends he kept, among other negative behaviours.

In their resolve to compel a change of attitude, the suspects allegedly decided to teach the deceased the lesson of his life.

They therefore tied him up with a rope and descended on him. He died in the process.

On the same day, two siblings, Joseph Kazeem and

Joshua Kazeem, allegedly beat their younger brother one Emmanuel Kazeem, to a state of coma at their residence on Foursquare Street, Omikanle, Kollington, on the outskirts of Lagos.

The victim was later confirmed dead at a nearby hospital where he was rushed for treatment.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Lagos State Command,

Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the two separate cases to our correspondent on Wednesday.

Ojajuni said the remains of the two victims had been deposited at mortuaries for autopsy while the State Criminal Investigation Department, Pantli Street, Yaba, has taken over investigations into the cases.

Robbers snatch permanent secretary's car

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THE Permanent Secretary in charge of the Anambra State Ministry of Agriculture, Mr. Matthew Ogujiofor, has lost his new Peugeot 406 car to gunmen in Awka, the state capital.

Investigations by our correspondent, on Wednesday, revealed that the suspects, numbering about four, forced their way into his compound on Tuesday and made away with the vehicle.

Ogujiofor lost the car barely three weeks after the state governor, Mr. Peter Obi, presented the vehicle to him.

It was gathered that his driver had parked the car in the compound and was reportedly cleaning it when the bandits arrived and ordered Ogujiofor to surrender the keys to them.

Further investigations showed that the suspects also collected money and other items from his wife, though no member of the household was injured.

The spokesman of the state police command, Mr.

Fidelis Agbo, a deputy superintendent of police, told our correspondent on Wednesday that he was still expecting the signal on the robbery.

In Anambra State, permanent secretaries oversee the affairs of ministries in the absence of commissioners.

Obi, who assumed office on March 17, is yet to constitute a State Executive Council.

The governor had announced shortly on assuming office that he would restore the lost glory of the office of permanent secretaries by allowing them to play active roles in governance.

He criticised past governments for allegedly rendering them redundant, adding, "It is unfortunate that in this state, a permanent secretary has no official car."

To revert the trend, he bought new cars for all permanent secretaries three weeks ago, which were presented to the officials at the Government House, Awka.