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Police parade killers of Ericsson's manager

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Barely three months after an executive of the Ericsson company was brutally killed in Lagos, the police have arrested the suspected killers.



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The suspects, who were arrested between Saturday and Sunday, gave their names as Fatai Shokunbi, Bashiru Bello, Abiodun Owoyele and Ismaila Akanbi.

The victim of the attack, Mrs. Clementina Saduwa, was shot in her Mitsubishi mini jeep on Apongbon Bridge, Lagos.

The arrest of the suspects was facilitated by the initial arrest of a cell phone thief, Bello, who later confessed that he belonged to a notorious robbery gang.

Some policemen sighted Bello at Onike, Sabo, Yaba, while he snatched the cell phone of a lady and attempted to flee with it. He was immediately chased and arrested.

During interrogation, Bello allegedly told the police that he could assist them in getting other members of his gang. His cooperation with the police led to the arrest of three others.

The Commissioner of Police, Lagos State Command, Mr. Bashiru Azeez, who paraded the suspects at the command's headquarters, GRA, Ikeja, on Tuesday, said the deadliest member of the gang, who allegedly shot the woman, had been shot during an encounter with the police.

During interrogation, Bello told our correspondent that he was a member of the gang that usually operated on the Third Mainland and Apongbon Bridges.

Shokunbi, another member of the gang, said the woman was shot because she refused to cooperate with them and part with her belongings.

According to him, the late Saduwa's driver cooperated with the gang and that was why they did not kill him.

He said it was one Naso who shot the woman, adding that they did not know that the victim later died of the bullet wound.

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On his part, Biodun said he was a tailor and the urge to get quick money to start his trade led him to join the gang.

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Besides, another four-member gang that specialised in snatching and selling Honda jeeps was also paraded.

A 62-year-old man, Isiaku Audu, said he was only hired to drive the vehicles to a buyer, Adamu Hassan.

The major suspect, David Osama, said he usually sold the jeeps to Adamu at N500,000.

However, both Adamu and Isiaku said they were not aware that the David usually stole the vehicles.

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