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For owning a new motorcycle to earn a living, 21-year-old Tobi Ogunleye has been gruesomely murdered. The deed was carried out by an envious Moroof Ganiyu, who lured him away from his house before killing him and stealing his commercial motorcycle in the Gbonoku area of Abeokuta, Ogun State.

Ogunleye would hardly have expected that death lurked on Boxing Day 2010 when his friend, Ganiyu, 25, also an operator of a commercial motorcycle, popularly called *okada*, pleaded with him to join him on a trip to Ibadan.

The dummy journey, however, turned out to be one of no return for the young *okada* rider as Ganiyu succeeded in carrying out his plot by killing Ogunleye. The suspected murderer confessed to the plot to steal Ogunleye's *okada*, which he said was new.

Before confessing to the crime, Ganiyu, who is to be arraigned in court immediately, had taken detectives at the Criminal Investigation Department of the Ogun State Police Command on a kamikaze trip by attempting to implicate an Ibadan-based herbalist, Tajudeen Akanji, of having a hand in the crime.

CRIME DIGEST learnt that the suspect had initially alleged that some traders in Sagamu

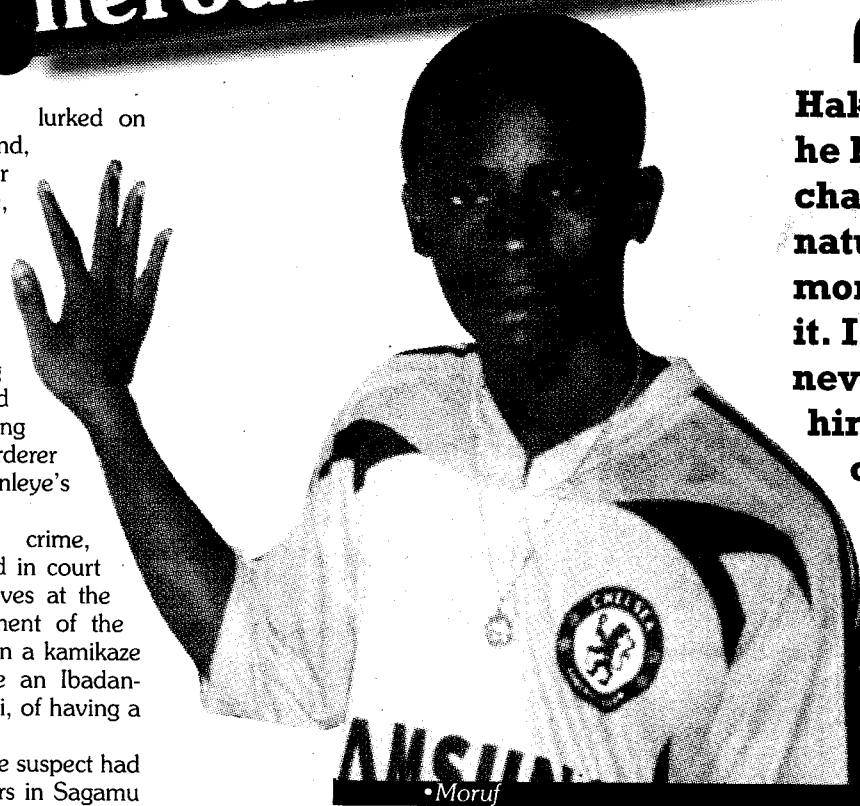
colluded with him to steal the motorcycle and also knew how the young Ogunleye disappeared, a lead that eventually proved to be critical in the case.

The disappearance of the 21-year-old *okada* rider had gone unnoticed, as his family thought he might have gone for the festive celebrations. When he was not seen at home three days later, another friend of the *okada* riders, who saw them before they commenced the ill-fated journey, raised the alarm.

It was learnt that Ganiyu had warned the friend not to tell anyone that he saw them together on their way to Ibadan on the fateful day.

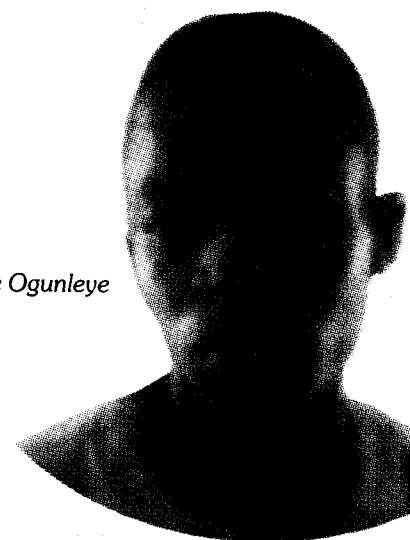
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OKADA RIDER kills friend to steal motorcycle, implicates herbalist, middleman



•Moroof

•late Ogunleye



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already decomposing.

In a bid to fill up the missing link he was trying to hide from the police, the suspect told another different story to the investigating team.

Ganiyu, who is being detained at the SCID, Elewera, Abeokuta with Akanji, had earlier confessed that he kidnapped his friend, but claimed that he sold him with his motorcycle for N70,000 to Akanji, who had vehemently denied knowing about the case.

The 25-year-old suspect told CRIME DIGEST that he met Alfa (Akanji) in 2008 through one Hakeem Adeyemi, who is also now in police custody. “It was Hakeem that took me to the man; we live together in Ikorodu, where I work as a craftsman. I complained to him that I was not doing well in my trade, so he told me that he knew one Alfa in Abeokuta that helped him when he had the same problem and that since then he started doing well,” he said.

Ganiyu alleged that Akanji swindled him of N400,000 at different times, saying this had informed his decision to implicate the Islamic cleric and Adeyemi in the disappearance of Ogunleye.

He narrated how he had received N40,000 from Alfa (Akanji) to abduct a girl, which he claimed the cleric killed and used money-making ritual. Akanji, however, denied killing the said girl, saying he lied that the girl had been killed in order to ensure that he collected money from Ganiyu.

Alfa, who denied most of the allegations, confirmed that he collected N400,000 from Ganiyu. “Hakeem (Adeyemi) is just a ‘canvasser’; he brings customers and I do good luck charms for them, depending on the nature of how they want it. But I don’t do money-making rituals or use people for it. I’ve never killed anyone in my life. I never kidnapped him in 2009, or called him in 2010 as he claimed and I never collected any boy with *okada* from him,” he said.

Ganiyu, however confessed to the police that he decided to implicate Akanji and Adeyemi “so as to make them pay for swindling me of N400,000.”

CRIME DIGEST learnt that though the suspect had confessed that the ‘Sagamu traders,’ who were earlier arrested and released, having thought to be innocent, were involved in the murder of Ogunleye, the accomplice had fled.

The state police commissioner, Mr. Musa Daura, confirmed the incident, saying Ganiyu would soon be arraigned in court.

17-year-old boy recounts sexual abuse by homosexual suspect

Tunde Odesola, Osogbo

A 17-year-old boy, Mutiu Babawale, on Wednesday recounted a bizarre experience of how he was sexually abused by a 29-year-old homosexual suspect, Bukola Afolabi, before an Osogbo magistrate's court.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Benjamin Akindoyin, alleged during the trial that Afolabi also sexually abused nine other teenage boys, whose age ranged between 15 and 20 years.

The suspect committed the offences on different occasions in Afunso Compound in Iree town of Osun State between April 2003 and December 2009.

The Investigating Police Officer

in charge of the case, Sergeant John Adekuoroye, said the suspect confessed to the alleged crime in a written statement.

Adekuoroye said, “The accused person confessed that he used to fondle the complainants and they used to ejaculate and release sperm.”

The IPO added that he unearthed towels, handkerchiefs and some rags purportedly used by the suspect to clean up after having sexual intercourse with his victims.

Recounting how he was abused by the suspect, Babawale told the court, “He (suspect) said I should come and help him collect a spoon for his wife, who was in her shop outside the building. When we got to his room, he hit me with an object on the chest and I became

uncoordinated.

“He subsequently asked me to remove my trousers and I blindly obeyed. After removing my trousers, he rubbed my penis with some oil and began to fondle me. After some minutes I released sperm and he also released sperm on the floor.”

During cross-examination, Afolabi's lawyer, Mr. Taiwo Awokunle, told the court that the suspect was arrested by leaders of the community and not the complainants.

Awokunle urged the court to adjourn the case in order to give him time to get other witnesses to testify in court.

The magistrate, Mr. Adewunmi Makanjuola, subsequently adjourned the case till March 20, for further hearing.