

# Ritual killers kill female student in Ogun

## • roast victim's parts

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**T**HE dismembered body of a female student of a polytechnic in Ogun State, Miss Morenikeji Owolabi, has been discovered by policemen.

**PUNCH Metro** gathered on Wednesday that the body was found in a shrine on Tuesday in Eposo-Akaka community, Isara, in the Remo North Local Government Area of the state.

The 21-year-old victim, who hailed from Ekiti State, but lived in Isara, was said to have been lured to the shrine by a herbalist, Femi Awise, who is currently on the run.

She was a science laboratory undergraduate of the institution.

Awise who was said to be a native of Isara, lives in the Jabata area of the rustic town.

However, five suspects have been arrested in connection with the murder. The suspects are an *okada* rider who conveyed Owolabi to the shrine, Adeyemi Ademolu; an apprentice to Awise, Omoloso Taiwo; Lateef Ali, Akinyemi Dare and Sokoya Wasiu.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Valentine Ntomchukwu, who led journalists to the shrine, said investigation had commenced to unravel the circumstances which led to Morenikeji's murder and the motive behind it.

The shrine, made with weather-beaten corrugated iron sheets, contained a large number of fetish objects.

An armchair, covered with cloth, was placed at a strategic spot inside the shrine. It was flanked by other plastic chairs.



• The suspects

There were also bottles of palm oil and other liquid littering the floor.

There was also an iron pot filled with what was said to be cooked flesh of the victim, from which an offensive odour was coming from.

The decomposing legs of the victim, dug out of a shallow grave, were also recovered.

However, the head of the victim and other vital parts like breasts, hands, and vagina among others were not found. But something that

was said to be her liver could be seen being roasted outside the shrine.

The police said Awise perpetrated his "evil deeds" under the guise of being a

herbalist and a farmer.

A maize farm was found around the shrine.

During the CP's visit to the scene, residents of Isara, Eposo and Ode Remo



• The shrine

Photos: Samuel Awoyinfa

thronged the shrine to catch a glimpse of it.

The local government chairman, Femi Soyemi, expressed shock at the discovery.

He said, "I am shocked because I never expect that this kind of horrible and brutal activity exists here."

Ntomchukwu said the shrine was discovered through

discreet investigation by his men.

He said, "We were able to locate the shrine through a discreet investigation by our men. We were able to track the *okada* rider that took the victim on his motorcycle to the shrine.

"Five suspects have been arrested and investigation has commenced, we will leave no stone unturned to get other fleeing suspects.

"I am appealing to parents that it is not only enough to send their children to school, they must do a follow-up on them."

The victim was declared missing since Saturday, June 7. It was those who saw her on the day she was being taken

to the shrine by the *okada* rider that alerted the police, which led to the arrest and the discovery of the shrine.

In another development, 40-year-old suspected kidnapper, Emeka Obi, was arrested on Tuesday in Ijebu Ode for allegedly kidnapping a 97-year-old man, Mr. Iposiola Samaiye.

Obi, who confessed to the crime, said it was his gang's third operation. He added that his accomplice, identified simply as Prince, had gone into hiding.

He said, "This is the third operation. In the first one, we collected N2m ransom, and in the second operation, we got N1m. For this one, we negotiated for N1m."

## Man impersonates MFM pastor, defrauds citizens

Yetunde Adeyi

**A** 29-year-old man, Divine-Praise Diri, has pleaded guilty to three counts of impersonation and fraud preferred against him by the police.

Diri was said to have impersonated a pastor of the Mountain of Fire and Miracle Ministries to defraud a civil servant in the Lagos State Government, Itohan Odiase.

It was learnt that the suspect had secretly sourced personal information about the complainant before approaching her, claiming

that he saw a revelation about her.

She was said to have been taken in by his tricks and believed him.

After some time, Diri reportedly demanded N13,000, as payment for prayers and deliverance from the victim.

She was said to have given him the money.

Our correspondent learnt that the suspect later began to pester Odiase to attend a vigil on any Thursday night.

The victim, who became curious, reportedly enquired from members of the church if

Ntomchukwu said Obi and members of his gang had kidnapped Samaiye from his home in Ijebu-Isire last Thursday. He added that they were trailed by policemen to where they held their victim captive.

He said, "They held the 97-year-old man inside the bush without food for four days. But our men, between 3am and 5am on Tuesday were able to set the old man free."

Samaiye is currently receiving medical attention at a private hospital in Ijebu Ode.

His son, Obafemi, said the kidnappers had demanded N20m ransom, and later settled for N1m.

He said, "The kidnappers first demanded N20m. It was negotiated to N10m and later N1m. But we did not pay any ransom before my father was rescued by the policemen."

they held vigils on Thursdays, which they denied.

It was learnt that Odiase reported the matter at the Sabo Police Division and the suspect was arrested.

He was subsequently arraigned before a Yaba Chief Magistrates' Court, Lagos State.

The police told the court that they recovered from the suspect, a bottle of anointing oil, ten prayer books written by the General Overseer of MFM, Dr. Daniel Olukoya.

The charges read in part, "That you, Divine-Praise Diri, on June 3, 2015, on Toyin

## Woman stabs two-year-old son to death

It was gathered that Funmilayo had returned to stay in her father's apartment with her only child after the separation.

Our correspondent learnt that on May 27, at about 4pm, Funmilayo's neighbours on Ogunso Street, Orelope Estate, in the Egan, Sango

area, noticed that she held a bloodstained knife and saw Emmanuel in a pool of blood.

The incident was reported at the Sango Police Division.

A resident of the area, Akem Ilesanmi, said the boy



Olaleye Aluko

**T**HE police in Ogun State have arrested a 26-year-old woman, Funmilayo Tijani, who allegedly stabbed her two-year-old son, Emmanuel, to death in the

Sango Ota area of the state.

**PUNCH Metro** learnt that Funmilayo, a fashion designer, and her husband, identified simply as John, separated two years ago as a result of a quarrel.

Mother abandons four-year-old sick girl in hospital