

Suspected cultists kill OPC member, police arrest two

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The Lagos State Police Command has arrested two suspected cult members, Makinde Quadri, aka *Makay*, and Yusuf Ayinla, aka *Fresh*, for allegedly killing a member of the Oodua People's Congress, Daniel Alabi, in the Bariga area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the two suspects were members of the *AiyeConfraternity* and had attacked the 30-year-old while he was talking with a friend, identified as Jamiu.

Our correspondent gathered that the suspects, after stabbing the

victim with broken bottles, shot him in the stomach.

Policemen from the Bariga division arrested them after a tip-off from the residents and transferred the case to the State Department of Criminal Investigation, Yaba.

The victim's friend, Jamiu, said Alabi was killed around 8.30pm on April 30.

He said, "Alabi and I were discussing by the roadside when *Makay* and his gang members arrived.

"They hit him with all kinds of weapons. Suddenly, *Makay* brought out a gun and shot him in the stomach. He was taken to a hospital, where he was confirmed dead."

But *Makay*, who claimed to have graduated from a university in Ogun State, denied killing the victim.

While accepting to have joined a cult in 2005, the father of one said he was not in the area on the day of the incident.

He said, "I am married with a child and I live in Sango, Ogun State; I am not based in Lagos. This allegation against me is just to tarnish my image because I am popular in the area.

"On the day of this incident, I was in Sango. It was the following day that I came to Lagos. That evening, I saw a man crying. He told me that a boy beat him up because he was disabled.

"I went after the boy and gave him a blow in the mouth. I didn't know that he was a member of the OPC. His colleagues saw me and came to attack me. They took me to their leader and they later said I was the one that killed their member that died the previous day."

The second suspect, *Fresh*, equally denied the allegation, saying his offence was that he was with *Makay* the night he was arrested.

The Investigating Police Officer, Inspector Oladimeji Kazeem of the SDCI, arraigned the duo before an Ebute-Meta Chief Magistrate's Court on six counts of murder, belonging to an unlawful society and conduct likely to cause breach of the peace.