

Command nabs 248 suspected kidnappers, robbers

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Bayelsa State Police Commissioner, Mr. Adeyemi Ogunjemilusi

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The Bayelsa State Police Command says it has arrested no fewer than 248 suspects in connection with kidnapping, armed robbery, murder, rape and cultism, among other crimes in the state.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Adeyemi Ogunjemilusi, who made this known on Thursday during the parade of suspected criminals, said the suspects were apprehended from July till date.

The commissioner also said 151 cases of the arrests had been charged to court.

Giving a breakdown of the arrests, Ogunjemilusi said two suspects, David Sunshine and Otuogba Usio, were part of a four-man gang that invaded Sagbama town and kidnapped a 78-year-old man, Dennis Ogazi.

He said investigation led to the arrest of Sunshine and Usio on October 29 and they confessed to committing the offence, adding that the victim died in their camp at Enwe community, in the Isoko South Local Government Area of Delta State.

The CP said investigation was ongoing to effect the arrest of two other suspects and recover the remains of the deceased septuagenarian.

Ogunjemilusi also said five suspected armed robbers had on July 23 broke into the house of Justice Ebiyerin Omukoro of High Court II, Yenagoa, held him and his family captive, collected his Automated Teller Machine card and withdrew some money from his account.

He said the suspects, whose names were given as Ayakeme Ebikie, Frank Pere, Chimezie Ibekwe, Ogoli Stephen, and George Ovede, later carted away the judge's Plasma TV set, handsets and other personal items.

He said, "I am glad to inform you that all the members of the criminal gang have been arrested. Investigation revealed that they were responsible for other robberies."

He also said some suspects, who had been on the police wanted list, were on October 30 arrested in the Etegwe and Bolex Car wash areas for the killing of two policemen, Sergeant Sagbe Owori and Corporal Nanagha Ekeiweri.

He said Owori was killed at Bossy Waters along Tombia-Amassoma Road on January 19, 2014, while Ekeiweri of the Department of Operations, Yenagoa, was killed on November 24, 2014, after which they took away his assault rifle.

He said items recovered from the suspects, James Kalaye and Austin Olozulu, were one Brownie pistol and one locally-made pistol.

The commissioner further said four suspects gang-raped a 19-year-old girl on September 13, 2016.

He said the suspects – Godwin Governor, Kingsley Akpas, Ebikewenemor Aripamone and Harrison Eribo – carried out the dastardly act.

He added that the victim had already identified the suspects.

Ogunjemilusi said three cases of defilement were recorded during the period.

The CP stated that two suspected cult members, Richard Deridha and Prince Freetown (alias *Fela*), leaders of Unit 4 Greenlander Cult, who had been on police wanted list, had been arrested.

He said they were arrested about 1am on September 23, 2016 on Hospital Road, Aritalin, Yenagoa. **Copyright PUNCH.**

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