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Killers of ex-councillor arrested after colleague stole clothes

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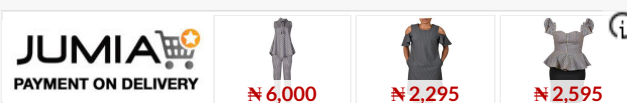
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The [police](#) in Lagos have arrested four suspects for allegedly killing a former councillor, Nurudeen Sanni, in the Epe area of the state.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the suspects – Tosin Olabisi (19), Sherif Agbomeji (20), Jimoh Ibrahim (19), Rasaki Ayinde (41), Rasheed Odumade (19) – had gone on a robbery operation on Musiliu Muritala Street, Poka, Epe, sometime in December 2016.





The men were said to be operating around 12am when the victim, who was not aware they were in a group, attempted to foil the operation.

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The 41-year-old was said to have been shot in the head.

The robbers were said to have stolen some valuables in his apartment before fleeing the scene.

Our correspondent gathered that a few days after the operation, a member of the group, Olabisi, went to a neighbouring community to burgle a house.

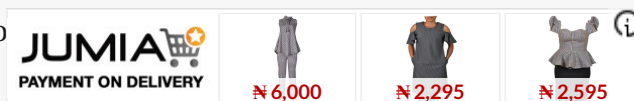
A police source said the suspect, after successfully breaking into the house and packing some clothes, mistakenly locked himself inside.

The source said, “He was about leaving the place when he saw that he could no longer go out. The owner of the house alerted neighbours and he was arrested.

“During interrogation at the police station, he confessed that it was his gang that robbed on Musiliu Muritala Street a few days earlier, adding that they were the ones that killed the man. He gave information on the whereabouts of members of the gang.

“This made operatives to round up the gang memeber, who also confessed to the crime.”

The four men were arraigned before an Ebute-Meta Chief Magistrate’s Court on four counts of murder and ro



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there was fingerprint evidence against them.

The charges read in part, “That you, Tosin Olabisi, Sherif Agbomeji, Jimoh Ibrahim, Rasaki Ayinde, Rasheed Odumade, on December 18, 2016, at about 12.45am, on Musiliu Muritala Street, Poka, Epe, Lagos State, in the Lagos Magisterial District, did kill one Nurudeen Sanni, aged 41, by shooting him with a locally-made gun in his forehead, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 222 and punishable under Section 223 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011.

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“That you did conspire among yourselves to commit felony to wit: armed robbery, thereby committing an offence contrary to Section 296 and punishable under Section 297 of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2011.”

The defendants’ pleas were not taken for the charges.

The police prosecutor, Inspector Chinalu Uwadione, applied that they be remanded in prison pending the release of legal advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

The defence counsel, Ali Abba, told the court that three of the defendants were underage, adding that it was not right for them to be remanded in prison.

However, the police prosecutor insisted that the youngest of the defendants was 19.

The Chief Magistrate, Mrs. O.I. Adelaja, upheld the application of the prosecutor, saying the defendants should be remanded pending the release of legal advice.

The case was adjourned till March 17, 2017, for DPP’s legal advice.

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