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Family disagrees with police handling of surveyor's killing

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• Akinfemi Photo: Family

Peter Dada, Akure

The family of Olujuyigbe in Akure, Ondo State, has expressed dissatisfaction over the investigation by the Ondo State Police Command into the killing of a member of the family, Akinfemi Olujuyigbe.

It was gathered that the police command arrested four people in connection with the incident.

However, the family alleged that the police had not conducted a thorough investigation into the killing.

Speaking for the family, Dr Tayo Olujuigbe said Akinfemi, who he described as the breadwinner of the family, was killed by suspected hired assassins in early September, adding that the police had not done anything serious about the matter.

Expressing dismay at the delay in the investigation into the case since it was reported to the police, Tayo said police narrowed down the investigation to a few suspects without inviting some family members who had threatened Akinfemi before he was eventually killed.

The doctor said the family suspected foul play because of the circumstances that surrounded the murder of the 28-year-old surveyor.

The family appealed to the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Ibrahim Idris, and the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Gbenga Adeyanju, as well as the state Director of Department of State Services, to fish out the killers of their son.

Tayo said in the day that the gunmen entered into Akinfemi's house, they "shouted 'who is Akin the land surveyor?'" They were told that he was not back at home yet. The assassins argued that they saw him when he entered the house and threatened to kill all of them (occupants of the house) if they failed to identify Akinfemi.

"The assassins lamented that they requested Akinfemi's picture from the man that gave them the assassination job, but he told them that the victim was not difficult to identify. Again, they lamented that if Akinfemi and others in the house were spared, the man that sent them would not pay the balance.

SOME OTHER VARIABLES LIKE LAPTOP AND TWO MOBILE PHONES.

“On bringing Akin back to join others in the sitting room, one of the gunmen shot him at a close range, which led to his death.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Femi Joseph, appealed to the family to be patient with the police, saying the investigation was still ongoing. He added that the killers of the surveyor would be exposed.

He said, “It will be unfair for the family to say we are not thorough in our investigation into the matter. Murder cases involve many intricacies and complexities, especially if nobody is caught in the act. However, we are determined to make sure we get the author of this crime. They should be patient with us.”

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