

to a mechanic workshop for repair was among the affected

the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, CSP Chike Oti, said the Ojodu Police

we don't waste time in responding to distress calls," Oti added.

the exhibit keeper. The exhibit keeper is not in charge of vehicle auction; he does not

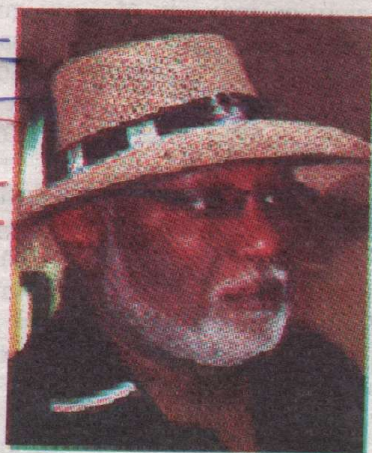
# Commercial driver beaten to death with charm in Ondo

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**A**RIGIDI Akoko in the Akoko North-West Local Government Area of Ondo State, was on Saturday, thrown into mourning as a commercial driver, identified as Akeem Olanipekun, was allegedly killed by some hoodlums in the town.

It was gathered that the 50-year-old man was beaten to death with a charm during a fight, which ensued between him and the alleged killers at the Imo area of the town.

According to an eyewitness, the deceased accompanied his



• Governor Rotimi Akeredolu friend, who operates a rental business in the community, to

erect canopies for a ceremony at the Imo quarters when the fight began.

The eyewitness said, "When they were about erecting the canopy, the 'area boys' approached them for the payment of 'Owo Ile' before the canopies could be erected.

"This led to a hot argument between the deceased and the boys, who went home and brought the charm with which they beat Akeem over the non-payment of the 'Owo Ile'. The deceased, after being beaten with the charm, was shivering and later gave up. Currently,

there is tension in the town because of possible reprisal by the family of the deceased, who had two wives and some children."

The eyewitness added that immediately after the incident, the suspected killers fled the community.

The police Area Commander for Ikare Akoko, Mr Razak Rauf, confirmed the incident and promised to arrest the perpetrators, who are currently at large.

It was learnt that the corpse of the deceased had been deposited in the mortuary of the Ondo State Specialist Hospital, Ikare Akoko.