

Ondo Anglican Church bursar's killers arrested

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Men of the Ondo State Police Command have arrested some bandits, who have allegedly been robbing bank customers in Akure.

In recent times, many bank customers in the state capital have been robbed after withdrawing money from the banks.

It was gathered that one of the suspects, whose identity has not been revealed, was arrested on Tuesday after allegedly stealing N500,000 from a building contractor's car at the Ayedun area of Akure, few minutes after the victim had withdrawn the money from the bank.

A source said the hoodlums followed the contractor from the bank to where he parked his car.

After breaking into the car and taking the money, they attempted to flee the scene but hit a commercial motorcyclist, which forced them to stop.

The source stated, “They followed the contractor from the Zenith Bank to the Ayedun area, where the man parked his car. They broke the windscreen and stole the money from the car.

“As they were about speeding away in their car, they hit a commercial motorcyclist and were forced to stop. One of them alighted from the car to attend to the motorcyclist.

“It was when they were arguing with the motorcyclist that the owner of the N500,000 rushed to the scene and people pointed to one of the thieves that allegedly broke into his car and stole his money.”

The driver of the hoodlums car escaped with the vehicle.

The source added that policemen from the State Anti-Robbery Squad were invited to the scene and arrested the suspected robber.

A source at the SARS disclosed that the arrest of the suspect led to the arrest of two other members of the robbery gang.

He added that some of the gang’s victims had visited the SARS office to identify the suspects.

The police source said, “The suspects have confessed their involvement in the robbery of bank customers. One of them said they were the ones who robbed and killed the Bursar of an Anglican Church in Akure, Mr Gabriel Abiodun, during one of their operations few months ago.

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“The suspects also confessed that they have informants in the banks, who usually informed them whenever customers withdrew huge amounts of money.”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Femi Joseph, confirmed the development and said the command was on the trail of other fleeing suspects.

“About four of them have been arrested and very soon, we shall parade them, while efforts are ongoing to arrest the remaining members of the robbery gang,” the PPRO stated.

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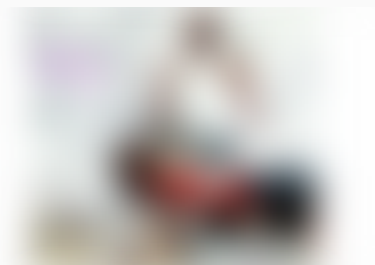
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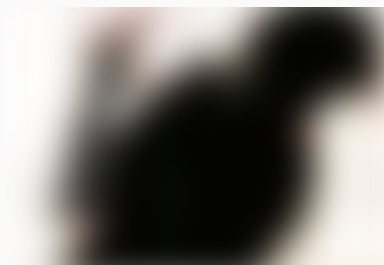
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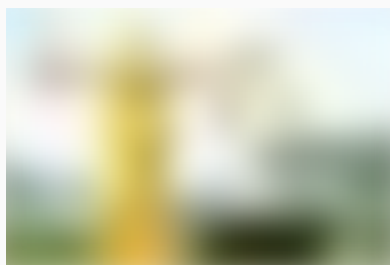
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