

the incident at the New Nyanya Police Station and he and Emeerga were arrested.

After months of investigation at the station without headway, the owner

was transferred to IG's Intelligence Response Team.

One of the suspects, Monday Francis, recently arrested by the operatives owned up to the crime

theft was planned together with Emeerga, noting that the car was with a member of the gang who is still at large.

He stated, "We were four including Stella (Emeerga) that planned to

Two artistes found dead inside Lagos studio, others hospitalised

Olaleye Aluko

There was apprehension last Thursday at the Awolusi Bus stop in the Alagbado area of Lagos State, after residents found two artistes dead inside a studio in the area.

The musicians identified as Ajibawo Lawal and Sunday Akhigbe, were discovered dead around 7am, having reportedly performed all night in the studio.

A police source told our correspondent on Saturday that the residents also brought out a generator and some hard drugs from the studio, fuelling speculations that they might have died from fumes or effects of hard drugs.

Policemen from the Alagbado division recovered the two corpses.

A resident, Mahfuz Majeed, said apart from the two deceased, two other artists including the studio manager were found lying unconscious and rushed to the hospital.

He said, "Nobody came out from the studio while a generator was left working. So, neighbours became suspicious and broke into the building through the window. Apart from the dead artistes, they met two others in a terrible condition. We had to rush them to a private hospital. The police have taken over the case and we don't know the state of the men in the hospital."

A police report obtained from the station confirmed the incident, noting that the studio manager, identified as Muritala Azeez, who was stabilised in the hospital, was interrogated by the police.

The report said, "We received a distress call from an anonymous caller that a crowd was seen converging on a studio at Alagbado where rumour had it that some persons died inside.

"Upon receipt of the information, police operatives went to the scene, which is Coded Music Recording Studio at Awolusi bus stop. Two artistes, Ajibawo Lawal, 37, and Sunday Akhigbe, 12, were met inside the studio dead.

"One Mr Bamidele Olajide, neighbour of the same address had earlier met Dare Obadina and Azeez in a critical condition.

A search was conducted inside the studio and the generator, condoms, bread and food that the deceased vomited and substances suspected to be hard drugs, including Indian hems were found in the studio.

"Meanwhile, one Muritala Azeez, the owner of the studio, who is already in custody, admitted to having hired and kept them there and identified them as artistes who produce music for him. He further stated that he was with them physically on the previous night and later on the phone with them until 2am of September 3."

The police report noted that the relatives of the deceased had been contacted and the case transferred to

the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, Panti, Yaba, for further investigation.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, SP Muyiwa Adejobi, confirmed the incident, noting that investigations were ongoing.

He said, "Two were found dead while another two were unconscious and rushed to the hospital including the manager of the studio. Preliminary investigation showed there was a generator working. Maybe the fumes of the generator caused the problem but we won't just say that because we need medical expertise to reveal it. There is no suspect for now because even the owner of the studio was also unconscious."

Ogun teacher defiles 15-year-old

Afeez Hanafi and Daud Olatunji

A teacher in Ogun State, Mathew Adebayo, has been arrested by the police for allegedly defiling a candidate sitting the West African Senior School Certificate Examination at a private school where he teaches.

City Round learnt that Adebayo was arrested after the school proprietress reported the case at the Sango Police Station.

It was gathered that the 15-year-old boarding pupil reported Adebayo to the proprietress that Adebayo had sex with her on different occasions inside a classroom at night.

The teacher reportedly cowed the girl into submission, threatening that she would fail the exams if she refused his sexual advances.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, SP Abimbola Oyeyemi, confirmed Adebayo's arrest in a statement on Friday titled, "26-year-old teacher arrested for defiling his 15yrs old student."

He said, "A teacher in a private secondary school (name withheld), Mathew Adebayo, has been arrested by men of the Ogun State police Command for forcefully having unlawful carnal knowledge of a 15-year-old pupil of the

school.

"The teacher was arrested following a report by the proprietress of the school who reported at Sango Police Station that she was informed by one of her SS3 students that the suspect has been raping her repeatedly since school resumption in preparation for the WAEC examination.

"She stated further that the said teacher



•Adebayo

Abia police arrest

Ogbonnaya Ikokuwu, Umuahia

The Abia state Police Command has arrested four persons in connection with the murder of a police inspector, Princewill Divine.

The Commissioner of Police in the state Mrs. Janet Agbede, confirmed the development in a statement on Friday.

She said five Police Mobile Force officers attached to 28 and 55 squadrons in the command deployed at Okagwe junction in Ohafia Local Government Area of the state were attacked by gunmen

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