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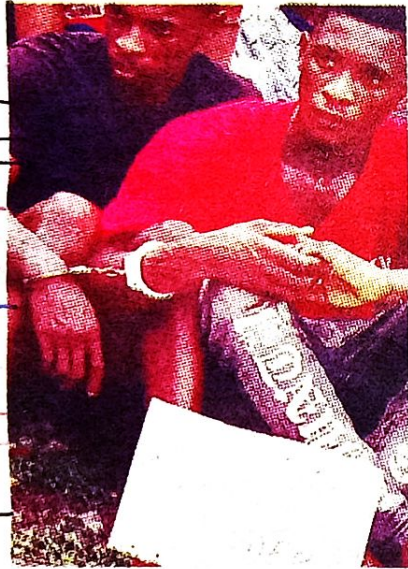
I was promised N500,000 to drive murdered victim's

Ada Wodu, Calabar

A teenage robbery and murder suspect, Mighty Omini, has disclosed that he was promised N500,000 to drive away the car of a woman, who was raped and murdered in Calabar, Cross River State a week ago.

He made the disclosure on Tuesday in Calabar while being paraded alongside his suspected accomplice, Godwin Nyenine, as well as 28 other suspects arrested for various offences such as rape, drug peddling, cultism and child trafficking, among others.

Two other masterminds of the rape and murder of the woman, identified simply as Mrs Doris,



• Nyenine and Omini

were said to be at large.

Doris was allegedly raped and

murdered by a four-man gang on April 13 in her home at the State Housing Estate in Calabar.

Narrating his involvement, Omini said, "I was not involved in the killing of the woman. I was only invited to come and drive the car, which was parked over there. I was not aware that the woman was killed. Even when the police arrested me and I took them to the woman's house, I wasn't aware that the woman was dead. I was not involved in the operation.

"The leader of the gang, Udobong, said there was a car I would drive out of his compound and he would pay me N500,000. "We are just getting aware that the woman is dead. I feel very

bad. If I knew that someone's life would be involved, I wouldn't have done it, because I have a younger one and a mother, who is young."

Nyenine simply said, "I came with this one (Omini) that drove the car. He just told me to escort

including schoolchildren, who are

him."

The state Commissioner of Police, Sikiru Akande, who paraded the suspects, said Omini and his gang stole some valuables and an unregistered Nissan Sentra belonging to Doris after killing her. "

Customs seize 38 truckloads

Daud Olatunji, Abeokuta

THE Nigeria Customs Service, Ogun Area Command 1 has claimed that it has seized 38 truckloads containing 19,000 bags of foreign parboiled rice in the border areas of the state with Duty Paid Value of N307.891m in the first quarter of the year.

The Area Controller, Peter Kolo, who stated this while speaking with journalists in Abeokuta on Tuesday, said some of the bags of rice were concealed by smugglers in branded trucks owned by Coca-Cola, a multinational firm.

Kolo also said the command in March generated N8.27m and confiscated 167 contraband