

Passengers strangle Uber driver, steal car

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A medical doctor, Morosilagi Oluwaniyi, has been reportedly strangled by a four-man gang in the Abule Egba area of Lagos State.

The 27-year-old was said to have converted his Toyota Corolla to a Uber ride to raise money for his sustenance.

PUNCH Metro gathered that one of the hoodlums, identified only as Ahmed, requested to be conveyed to Ibeja around 10pm on Sunday.

The suspect was said to have been joined by three other members of the gang.

As the vehicle got to the Underbridge area in Abule Egba, the hoodlums reportedly pounced on him and strangled



• Oluwaniyi

Ahmed and his accomplices were said to have dumped the



• The car

victim's corpse on the ground and fled with the car.

Oblaruku community, in the Ukwuani Local Government Area of Delta State.

disseminated and possibly used for rituals by evil men who will never know peace.

was reportedly abducted as well as wake of the murder of this young man. A spokesman for the police

Lagos doctor-turned

Oluwaniyi's girlfriend, Adeola Adesurwo, who was with him when he confirmed Ahmed's request for the ride, said she became worried when his number was not reachable, adding that she tracked his car to a mechanic's workshop on Oyadeyi Close, Abule Egba.

She said, "After tracking the car to that location, I noticed that the number plate of the car and the tyres had been removed. I went to report at the Meiran Police Station. Some policemen followed me to the scene and we picked up the mechanic and one of the culprits.

"At the station, they told us that the trip was a set-up, as they had planned to rob any Uber driver and it was unfortunate that it had to be him. They did not even give him an option; they strangled him from the back seat, pushed him out of the car and drove to the Afrika Shrine to celebrate.

"They took us to where the crime was committed at the Underbridge in Abule Egba and that was where we found his corpse. They could have asked for the car and he would have dropped it because he was a medical doctor who cherished life."

Adesurwo explained that the victim was supposed to resume a new job a day after he was killed, adding that his family members had been contacted.

She said, "Oluwaniyi just got a medical job and was supposed to resume at 8am on Monday, he accepted to do the trip so he could have extra cash at hand when he resumes.

"He left the house around 10.20pm and by 12 midnight, his phone was switched off and he didn't return home. When he was still not reachable, I called the company he got the car from and they had already implanted a tracker in the car. The company assisted in tracking the car to the

address where it was found."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, CSP Adekunle Ajisebutu, in a statement on Wednesday, said detectives attached to the Meiran Police Division arrested three suspects in connection with the crime.

He said, "The suspects, Ruhwan Nasiru, 27; Sodiq Taiwo, 23 and Oladimeji, 29, booked a Uber service online, lured the driver to the Meiran area and strangled him. The suspects, after the

dastardly act, dumped his body on the Abule Egba Bridge, along the Lagos-Abeokuta Expressway and made away with his Toyota Corolla saloon car.

"Following a report by the victim's fiancée at the police station on September 6, detectives immediately put in motion investigation mechanisms which led to the arrest of the suspects in their criminal hideouts, and recovery of the stolen car."

NDLEA seizes N6bn drug linked to M'East

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THE Chairman, National Drug Law Enforcement Agency, Brig. Gen. Mohammed Marwa (ret'd), has said officials of the agency intercepted 74.119 kilograms of a drug valued at N6bn at the Apapa port in Lagos State.

Marwa, who spoke during a press briefing at the Radisson Hotel, Ikeja, identified the drug as Captagon, a brand of Amphetamine, adding that the drug was linked to criminal gangs in the Middle East.

He said the drug numbering



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produces a euphoric intensity in users, allowing them to stay awake for days, making them fearless, and predisposing them to reckless actions that put the lives of people

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