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# Money ritual: Amotekun arrests three for beheading septuagenarian

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**T**HE Amotekun corps in Oyo State has arrested three men for allegedly kidnapping and beheading a 73-year-old man, Adebisi Adeniyi.

The suspects — Muralna Ismail, Olalekan Muhideen and Abulmashad Olanrewaju — told journalists on Tuesday that the victim was kidnapped on Amuloko-Akanran Road on Sunday.

Ismail explained that he had been given N35,000 to get a human head, which Olanrewaju needed to prepare a ritual for money.

The suspect said when he and his colleagues could



• The suspects

not get the head, Muhideen brought the victim, whom they slaughtered and beheaded.

He told journalists that he was initially afraid of killing the victim until Muhideen

allegedly used a charm to order him and he obeyed.

"I held the legs of the man, Alfa (Muhideen) held his head and slaughtered him," he added.

Muhideen, on his part, confessed that he hypnotised the victim and asked him to board a tricycle, which they used to whisk him away to where he was slaughtered.

The 27-year-old suspect said he gave the head to his client, who needed it for a money ritual.

According to him, the headless body was taken to the back of the house where it was buried.

He said a woman discovered the shallow grave and called other landlords who reported

the case to the Amotekun corps.

Muhideen noted that it was not his first time selling human skulls, adding that his clients paid between N40,000 and N60,000 for one human head.

The headless corpse, which was wrapped in a big bed sheet, was brought to the Amotekun office as evidence.

Olanrewaju, who also confessed that he needed the head for a ritual, said he took it to his house and burnt it in an earthen pot.

He said, "I told them that I needed a head and not a live man being. After killing the man, they gave me the head and I took it home and started burning it. What remains of the head is here in the pot."

One of the children of the victim, Mrs Olufunke Oloosun, said she was told at Muhideen, whom she described as a relative, called her father to come and collect sum of money he was owed.

Oloosun said the deceased never returned home after meeting with the suspect.

The woman, who was in tears, said she called Muhideen and begged him to produce her father, but he refused.

She recalled that the family had been going from one police station to another over the matter, adding that they were almost detained at a station where Muhideen had reported that she (Oloosun) accused him of kidnapping the victim.

The Deputy Commandant

of Amotekun in Oyo State, Kazeem Akinro, who addressed journalists at the headquarters of the corps in Ibadan, said the suspects would be handed over to the police for further investigation and prosecution.

He said Muhideen confessed to the corps that he had a charm which he used to talk to people and they would do whatever he wanted without any questions.

## Ogun man, 39, arrested

Daud Olaturuji, Abeokuta

**M**EN of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested a 39-year-old man, Oladapo Akinola, for allegedly defiling his five-year-old stepdaughter.

The suspect was arrested on Monday following a report lodged by the mother of the victim at the Adigbe divisional police headquarters in Abeokuta, the state capital.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Abimbola Oyejemi, disclosed this in a statement on Tuesday.

Oyejemi added that the victim's mother reported that while bathing her daughter, she observed blood in her private parts.

The PPRO added that the mother said on enquiry from the girl, she was informed that her husband, who happened to be the stepfather of the victim, unlawfully had carnal knowledge of her.

He said, "Upon the report, the Adigbe DFO, SP Fatoburu Oyekanmi, quickly detailed his

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Tuesday.

A witness, who identified herself as Mrs Adeosho, said the worker had earlier disconnected the wire, but his boss ordered him to climb the pole again to bring the wire down.

She said, "I was sleeping when they came to disconnect our power. As I came out, I saw that the man was already on the pole and I asked my neighbour what happened. My neighbour told me that he wanted to disconnect our electricity and I was shocked, because we already paid a certain amount, but I was told that what we paid was small and that they would disconnect our electricity."

"As I was speaking with my neighbour, I realised that the man came down from the pole, but their new marketer who



• Scene of the incident

the wire down instead of just disconnecting it.

"As the man was trying to pull the wire from the pole, I turned back to call the other neighbours to beg them. All of a sudden, we saw that the pole got uprooted from the ground and the man fell from it."

He said, "The safety team is still trying to establish the cause of the accident. What is confirmed

Another witness, who identified herself as Mrs Abimbola, blamed the new marketer for the incident.

She said, "The other colleague of the victim had already warned that they should not bring the wire down because they had never brought it down before; they only used to disconnect and hang the wire somewhere on the pole, but their marketer started shouting at him that was the one to control her and that was how the victim climbed the pole and unfortunately fell."

The Ikeja Electric Public Relations Officer, Felix Ofulue, who confirmed the incident, said the firm was investigating it.

He said, "The safety team is still trying to establish the cause of the accident. What is confirmed

10 minutes that people gathered around him and saw that he was still breathing but was injured and bleeding from the mouth and nostrils.

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## Lambuwal aide's son, two others jailed four years

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