

Family of Lagos soldier allegedly killed by DSS demands justice

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THE family of a soldier, Peter Adetayo, who was allegedly shot by operatives of the Department of State Services in the Lekki area of Lagos State, has demanded justice for him.

He died in a hospital about three weeks after the attack.

A member of his family, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said he had been getting death threats for seeking justice for his brother.

"I have been threatened so much about this. I am not a social media person but the threat to my life on this is much. Why should I keep shut after my brother was killed? They want me dead or alive! They want to silence me," he stated on Wednesday.

Adetayo reportedly purchased some motorcycles, which he handed over to some people for commercial purposes.

The men were said to have agreed to remit a certain amount to him after the close of work every day.

However, one of them reportedly defaulted in paying the soldier for about three weeks.

Efforts to get the motorcyclist to regularise his payment were said to have proved abortive.

Adetayo, however, tracked the motorcyclist down to a slum in Lekki; but his visit coincided with a raid by the DSS.

During the raid, the DSS operatives were said to have harassed residents alongside Adetayo, who was not in uniform.

The victim's family member said an argument ensued between the soldier and the operatives.



• Adetayo

"The DSS guy slapped him, and out of reflex, he slapped the guy back. While my brother was trying to put his hand inside his pocket to bring his ID card out, to show the DSS guys that he was a military guy, the DSS man shot him," he added.

The spokesperson for

the 81 Division, Nigerian Army, Olaniyi Osoba, said an investigation was ongoing to unravel the circumstances surrounding the death.

"Currently, there is a joint investigation to ascertain the circumstances that led to his death," he added.

Ondo motorcyclists remanded over murder of admission seeker

Peter Dada, Akure

A Chief Magistrate's Court sitting at Oke-Eda, Akure, Ondo State, has ordered the remand of two men in prison for their alleged involvement in the death of a woman, Ebunoluwa Osatuyi.

Osatuyi, who was seeking admission into a tertiary institution, was killed with a pestle at her father's house at Okuta Elerinla, Akure, in January 2022.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the defendants, Abdullahi Oloruntoyin, 31, and Kazeem Ayodele, 26, who were commercial motorcyclists, were arrested by the police after the deceased's phone was tracked to them.

The phone was said to have got missing after she was murdered.

The defendants were arraigned on two counts of conspiracy and murder.

The police prosecutor, Mr Ajiboye

Obadasa, told the court that the men killed the deceased by hitting a pestle on her head around 5.40pm on Otiko Street, Okuta Elerinla, Akure, on January 24, 2022.

According to him, the duo committed an offence contrary to Section 316 and punishable under Section 9 of the Criminal Code, Cap. 37, Vol. 1 Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

The defendants, who pleaded not guilty to the charge, claimed that they found the deceased's missing phone on the ground at another location.

Oloruntoyin told the court that he saw the phone on the ground, adding that he picked it up for personal use because it was new.

The defendant claimed that he later gave it to the second defendant.

He said, "I was in my house resting when policemen came with my brother that I was involved in the killing of a lady with a pestle, which sounded strange to me. I was later told that the phone I gave my brother to use to make a call was stolen from a crime scene at Okuta Elerinla, which also seemed strange to me."

The prosecutor made an oral application to the court to remand the defendants in prison due to the gravity of the offence.

Counsel for the defendants, Okolike Nnagozie, did not oppose the application.

The magistrate, Damilola Sekoni, ordered the remand of the defendants in the Owo Custodial Centre and adjourned the case till March 28, 2022, for further hearing.

worker arrested with seven missing computers

computers supplied to the school by the Delta State Government had been stolen.

After the report, the Divisional Police Officer, 'A' Division, Warri, detailed police detectives to the scene.

It was gathered that the detectives, on March 6, arrested Oki, who was employed by the parent-teacher association of the school.

The suspect reportedly led the police to his house,



• Oki

where seven computers were recovered.

He was later charged to court for the crime.