

Benue singer's killers gave him drink before shooting him – Police

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The Benue State Police Command has said a popular singer, Terungwa Ikon, whose body was discovered near a river, was shot by hoodlums.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Catherine Anene, in a statement on Tuesday evening, said 13 suspects had been arrested in connection with the killing.

Anene said the cult leader, who lured the deceased to the bank of River Benue, was still at large.

The statement read in part, “You may recall that on April 13, 2022, Mr Terungwa Ikon Albert of behind Okiki Hotel, Makurdi, was reported missing by his father. Upon receipt of this information, detectives from the command were deployed to investigate the case.

“During investigation, detectives from Operation Zenda Joint Task Force arrested one Victor Ahambe, Chichi Maxwell, Andrew Okoliko, Terdoo Tersugh, and nine others in connection with the case.

“These suspects confessed to be members of the same cult and participated in the killing of the victim at the River Benue bank.

“They stated further that on April 13, 2022, while they were drinking in a beer parlour on Terguma Street, North Bank, Makurdi, their leader, Doggy, came with Terungwa Ikon and bought a drink for him to drink, ordered them to the River Benue bank where he robbed the deceased of his belongings, removed a pistol from his pocket and shot him in the head.

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“Other members contributed to the killing by cutting him with machetes and the corpse was dropped in the river to float.

“Investigation is ongoing to arrest suspects at large and other cult members, especially Doggy.”

Anene called on people in the state who might have information on the fleeing suspect to contact the command.