

I can't count number of people I killed –Suspect

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A bricklayer, Adamo Aliyu, recently arrested alongside four others for robbery and murder said he has lost count of the number of people he killed.

Aliyu, who lives in Ikire, Osun State, his friend, Yusuf Idris and three others paraded by the state police command in Osogbo allegedly conspired with others and killed a petrol station manager, Fatai Adigun at Aku Area of Ikire.

The 24-year-old, who confessed to killing the petrol station manager, said he was contracted by Idris' father to kill the man, adding that the person who hired them paid N250, 000.

The artisan, who said he lost both parents at a young age, during an interview further said, "I have lost count of the number of people I have killed. We have also snatched several motorcycles around Ikire. We usually sell to other communities. I must have killed more than 10 people.

"I work with Yusuf Idris. His father contracted us to kill the man. I was told a woman gave him the job. We went to the petrol station early in the morning and met the man there. My friend, Idris, hit him with a weapon on the head and he died.

"We stole N100, 000 there and fled. After selling motorcycles that we snatched, I made over

N1.5m but I squandered it on food, dresses and Indian hemp."

Addressing journalists, the state police spokesperson, Yemisi Opalola, said acting on intelligence on September 3, after a robbery operation at Koteyemu/Aku area of Ikire, police from Ikire Area Command in joint operation with the civilian volunteers moved to the area and arrested a suspect, Adamo Aliyu.

Opalola said, "The police, not resting, extended investigation to some areas of Ikire where three cohorts of the principal suspect were arrested from their various hideouts within the town. Subsequently, the case was transferred to the Anti-

Cultism Unit for discreet investigation.

"The unit immediately swung into action and arrested the 5th suspect. In the course of further investigation, the first suspect, Adamo Aliyu, made a confessional statement that on 28/08/2022 himself, Damilola Kayode, Yusuf Idris and Odewumi Sodiq, respectively conspired and killed a fuel station manager, one Fatai Atanda Adigun, 'M' Aged 55 years along Ikire expressway in the Irewole Local Government Area of Osun State and carted away sum of N100,000."



Man, 43, docked over alleged N566,000 land fraud

A 43-year-old man, Segun Okepemu, was on Friday arraigned before a Badagry Chief Magistrates' Court in Lagos over an alleged N566,000 land fraud.

The *News Agency of Nigeria* reported that the defendant, of no fixed residential address, is facing a two-count charge of fraud and breach of peace to which he pleaded not guilty.

The Police Prosecutor, ASP Nkem Ukor, told the court that the defendant committed the offences in 2012 at Zunuch Whesumme via

Ilogbo-Eremi area of Badagry, Lagos.

Ukor said that the defendant allegedly obtained the N566, 000 from one Philip Israel under the pretence of using the money to buy a plot of land for the complainant, which he never did.

He said the defendant conducted himself in a manner likely to cause breach of peace by reselling the same land to another person after the complainant had planted cocoyam, yam, cassava and pineapple on the land.

According to him, the offences contravened

Sections 314 and 168 of the Criminal law of Lagos State, 2015.

The Chief Magistrate, Patrick Adekomaiya, granted the defendant bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties in like sum.

Adekomaiya said the sureties must reside within the court's jurisdiction with evidence of tax payment to the Lagos State Government.

The chief magistrate adjourned the case till October 11 for mention.