

# Ondo driver allegedly kills boss, family petitions AIG

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The family of a businessman, Omololu Olowosoyo, has petitioned the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone 17, Akure, Ondo State, AIG Abimbola Sokoya to conduct a discreet investigation into his murder.

The family's lawyer, A.K. Akinbuluma, in a petition, alleged that suspects linked to the killing were still "gallivanting around" in the community.

"What is more worrisome to our clients is that families of the suspects who have been arrested in connection with the murder case are now approaching the police officers of the anti-kidnapping unit in Akure for the administrative bail of the suspects, thereby frustrating fairness and justice of the case.

"As a minister in the temple of justice, we have advised our clients to remain calm and that discreet and purposeful investigation will be carried out by your office, hence this petition.

"Mr Omololu Olowosoyo was the breadwinner of his family with many dependents, four children, and other dependants."

Olowosoyo was alleged to have been kidnapped and killed by his driver, Idowu Adekanye, in collaboration with some other accomplices.

Adekanye was arrested by the police and arraigned before a magistrate's court in Akure.

He was arraigned on four counts of conspiracy, kidnapping, and murder.

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During the court sitting, the police prosecutor, Taiwo Oniyere, said the defendant committed the offence around 10pm on January 14, 2023, along Ore-Ode Irele Road, in the Odigbo Local Government Area of the state.

Oniyere also informed the court that the defendant conspired with others at large to kidnap his boss when he accompanied him on a business trip to Osogbo, Osun State.

The defendant was also alleged to have murdered the victim by hitting him with a stick and strangulating him.

The offence, according to the prosecutor, contravenes sections 6(b) and 2(a) and (b) of the Ondo State Anti-Kidnapping 2010 and Section 316 of the Criminal Code, Cap. 37 Vol. I Laws of Ondo State, 2006.

He prayed the court to remand the defendant in the Olokuta Custodial Centre pending advice from the Directorate of Public Prosecutions.

However, the defence counsel, D.S Akinbo, opposed the application, saying the case was not ripe for hearing as his client was served on the day of arraignment.

But the Magistrate, R.O. Yakubu, adjourned the case till Friday.