

# Ogun father chains, starves two

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A 45-year-old man, Gbenga Ogunfadeke, has been arrested for allegedly chaining, starving and locking his two children in solitary confinement which led to their death.

The suspect was arrested on Tuesday in Ibiade, Ogun Waterside Local Government Area of Ogun State, by men of the State Security Network, otherwise known as the Amotekun Corps.

The corps' State Commander, David Akinremi, confirmed the suspect's arrest in a statement made available to journalists in Abeokuta, the state capital, on Wednesday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the suspect, a father of three, accused his children of stealing.

He was said to have chained and locked the children in solitary confinement without food and water for over three months.

The situation reportedly led to the death of two of the



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children.

It was further gathered that the suspect had been maltreating the children aged 16, 17 and 18 since he took custody of them following his crashed marriage with their mother, Busola Otusegun.

Akinremi said the suspect was arrested following a complaint by his ex-wife.

He said, "One of the three

children came across his aunt in Ibiade where he currently lives with his father (suspect) and narrated their experience with their father which led to the death of his two elder siblings - Yusuf Ogunfadeke (18) and Dasola Ogunfadeke (17) between April and June 2022 in Ijebu-Ode where they were all living with the suspect until he relocated back to Ibiade.

"According to him (the child), their father chained and locked them in solitary confinement without food and water for over three months which led to the death of the two siblings but he miraculously survived the ordeal."

The Amotekun commandant disclosed that the suspect, when interrogated, admitted confining his children for months, but denied not feeding them and being responsible for their death.

The suspect was quoted as saying that his action was based on the children's involvement in stealing, hence the need to stop them from continuing with

such.

He added that the suspect claimed that his two deceased children were taken to hospital for treatment at different times when they fell ill, but unfortunately died in the process.

He added, "What is however curious about his defence is that the hospital where he claimed the two children died in Ijebu Ode could neither be located.

"Where he allegedly buried them behind a rented apartment he lived in Ijebu-Ode before relocating to his present abode in Ibiade with the third child could also not be traced for possible exhumation.

"The fact that he refused to make the incidents known to any member of the family also gives cause for concern more so when the suspect is a herbalist, thus further fuelling the suspicion of having killed the deceased for possible rituals.

"Consequently, the case is being transferred to the State Criminal Investigation

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Department for further investigation to establish further facts that will facilitate his prosecution."

## Indian hemp dealers kill coll

② Tunde Oyekola, Ilorin

A Magistrates' Court sitting in Ilorin, Kwara State, has ordered the remand of two men, Olasunkanmi Olarewaju aka 'Abore' and Adeniyi Juwon also known as 'Jboy' for allegedly beating their colleague, Abiodun Oyinloye, to death.

They were dragged to court on a two-count of criminal conspiracy and culpable homicide contrary to Sections 97 and 221 of the Penal Code.

Police First Information Report revealed that the two accused persons conspired and killed their colleague whom they accused of stealing N65,000 realised from the sale of a substance suspected to be marijuana.

The charge read, "During discreet investigation conducted at SCID Ilorin, it was revealed that you, Olasunkanmi Olarewaju, aka Abore, conspired

with Adeniyi Juwon, aka Jboy, and attacked Abiodun Oyinloye for stealing N65,000 being the proceeds of dried leave suspected to be Indian hemp which you were selling.

"It was further revealed that you, Olasunkanmi Olarewaju, aka Abore, after you and Adeniyi Juwon, aka Jboy, killed Abiodun Oyinloye, you, Olasunkanmi

## Police hunt ab

Collins Sunday, Lafia

G UNMEN have kidnapped one Daniel Ogoshi said to be the driver of the Nasarawa State Deputy Governor, Dr Emmanuel Akabe. PUNCH Metro gathered that policemen are currently on the trail of the abductors.

Our correspondent gathered that Ogoshi was abducted from the residence of his friend at Ombi 2, College of Agriculture,