

# Family of slain Delta

Dele Ogunyemi, Warri

**M**EMBERS of the family of Chief Michael Okumakube of the Ovu community in the Ethiope East Local Government Area of Delta State are currently demanding justice for their slain son, Solomon.

They have petitioned the state Commissioner of Police and the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone 5, Benin City, Edo State on the alleged delay to fish out the killer of their son about one month after the incident happened.

**PUNCH Metro** gathered that suspected assassins on March 19, 2023, between Ughelli and Agbarho in the Ughelli North Local Government Area of Delta State, murdered Solomon after ordering him to transfer all the money in his bank account into a bank account suspected to belong to one of his assailants.

Solomon and two other occupants of the commercial



Solomon

vehicle he was travelling in were said to have been killed by the assailants.

It was further learnt that the transaction they forced Solomon to make was later traced to a private account in one of the new-generation banks.

Philip Okumakube, who spoke to journalists in Warri on Wednesday on behalf of the family, alleged that the incident which was earlier reported at Agbarho Divisional Police Headquarters and was later transferred to the office of the Assistant Commissioner

of Police, Ughelli Area Command, was yet to be acted upon.

"To date, nothing has been heard of any suspect being arrested by the security agents," he lamented.

He added, "The family is using this medium to call on the Delta State Police Commissioner, the Assistant Inspector-General of Police, Zone 5, Benin City, Edo State, the Inspector General of Police and the Police Service Commission to wade into the issue immediately, to uncover the killer of their son."

Philip maintained that with the transfer of money made by their late son, through the new generation bank to the suspected assassins, before he was shot dead, it was supposed to be easy for the police to bring the culprits to book.

He, however, expressed worry that the matter had been lingering since March 19 when the family reported the incident to the police.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edeke, said, "The Investigating Police Officer

# youth demands justice

said he did not see the family of the deceased again after the

first time they came.

"If they have any details,

let them go to Agbarho Police Station and speak to them so

that they can work with the details."

## Police arrest Osun twins for cultism

Bola Bamigbola, Osogbo

**T**HE Osun State Police Command on Wednesday paraded a set of twins, Taiwo and Kehinde Adeleke, and seven other suspects arrested in different parts of the state for offences ranging from cultism to murder and robbery.

Parading the suspects before journalists at the state police command headquarters in Osogbo, the state capital, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Yemisi Opalola, said the 23-year-old twins, one Ojo Ayobami, Ibrahim Qudus, and Ojo Oretu were arrested in Esa Oke, following the killing of Abiodun Apalara during a rival cult clash.

Opalola explained that around 2pm on April 27, 2023, there was a fracas among some hoodlums suspected to be cultists in Esa-Oke which led to the death of Apalara.

He said a police team from the Special Anti-Cultism Unit swung into action and subsequently, the leader of the gang, Qudus, and



The twins

four other suspects were arrested.

"Investigation revealed that the late Abiodun Apalara was a member of Alora Confraternity

also known as Buccaneer Confraternity and was killed by some armed hoodlums suspected to be members of Black Axe Confraternity also known as Aije Confraternity led by Qudus. They will be charged to court after the completion of the investigation," she added.

The police spokesperson said the remaining suspects, Mojeed Olanrewaju, Ahmed Jelili, Azeez Tunde and Bakare Saliu, are members of a syndicate that specialises in stealing motorcycles within the Osogbo metropolis.

She added, "Investigation revealed that the first three

suspects are ex-convicts. The first suspect served his jail term in Ile-Ife Correctional Centre while the second and third suspects served their jail terms in Ilesa Correctional Centre.

"Upon their release in 2021 and 2022 respectively, they re-strategised and continued with their nefarious acts before nemesis caught up with them.

"The fourth suspect, who is a mechanic, is one of the receivers of the stolen motorcycles. After buying the stolen motorcycles, he will re-assemble them before reselling them to his unsuspecting customers."

## 34-year-old steals roommate's trousers, bag

Naomi Chima

**T**HE Lagos State Police Command on Wednesday arraigned a man, Peter Okon, before a Magistrates' Court sitting in Yaba for allegedly stealing money and valuables belonging to his roommate at the Abule Oja, Yaba area of the state.

The 34-year-old was arraigned before Magistrate P. E. Nwaka on two counts of breach of peace and

Thomas Nurudeen, the defendant committed the crime on April 19, 2023, around 8pm at No 16, Amusa Street, Abule Oja, in the Yaba area of the state.

Okon, who earlier pleaded guilty, later changed his plea when the charges were read to him in English Language.

According to the charges, the offences contravened and are punishable under Section 168(d) of the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2015.

likely to cause a breach of peace by stealing from one Saviour Edet, who accommodated you, and thereby committed offences punishable under Section 168(d) the Criminal Law of Lagos State, Nigeria, 2015."

The prosecutor prayed the court to remand the defendant at the Ikoyi Custodial Centre pending the issuance of legal advice from the office of the Director of Public Prosecution.

According to the Magistrate, Nwaka, the defendant was not being

on fire