

# Vigilantes kill Anambra tricycle operator, dump corpse in river

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**POLICEMEN** of the Ogidi Division of the Anambra State Police Command have arrested the Commander of the Ojoto Community Vigilance Group and two other suspects linked to the alleged kidnap and murder of a tricycle operator, Christian Onah.

Onah, a 25-year-old commercial tricycle operator who hails from the Ovoko community in the Igbo-Eze South Local Government Area of Enugu State, was declared missing when he did not return home after he went out for his usual business on May 28, 2023.

Until his disappearance, Onah was said to be residing in the Oba community, in the Idemili South Local Government Area of the state.

A yet-to-be-identified neighbour reportedly raised the alarm over his sudden disappearance and subsequently reported the matter at a nearby police

station.

Speaking on condition of anonymity for security reasons, the neighbour said when Onah's whereabouts remained unknown for some days, the owner of the tricycle he was using for commercial purposes on hire purchase engaged the services of a security tracker and it led to the arrest of a man in possession of the missing tricycle.

The neighbour said, "On further interrogations, the man confessed to buying the tricycle from the Ojoto Community Vigilance Group and took the police operatives to the place.

"When the police arrested the vigilante official that sold the tricycle to him, he subsequently mentioned the vigilante commander as the one who masterminded the abduction and subsequent killing of Onah. He said they threw his corpse in a river in the Mmili John Ojoto community."

Onah's father, Emmanuel, who had been grieving over the death of his son, demanded



•Onah

justice, adding that the suspects linked to the crime had refused to disclose the whereabouts of his son's corpse.

While calling for a thorough investigation into the matter, the deceased's father urged police authorities to fish out all those involved in his son's death.

Contacted for a reaction on the development, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Ikenga Tochukwu, said he had

not been briefed about the incident.

Ikenga promised to reach out to the police division concerned for a proper update but had yet to get back to our correspondent as of the time this report was filed.

However, a senior police officer from the Ogidi Division who pleaded anonymity because he was not authorised to speak on the matter, said the commander of the vigilance

group and other suspects were arrested on Wednesday.

He added that the Ojoto

## Hoodlums steal

**Toni Ufoh**

A businesswoman, Linda Ekwulomu, has been traumatised after burglars looted her goods after breaking into her shop at Cele Bus Stop, along the Apapa Oshodi Expressway in Lagos State.

The businesswoman, while lamenting over the development, said she lost goods worth N3m to the burglars, adding that this was the third time burglars would break into her shop and cart away her goods.

Speaking with our correspondent, Ekwulomu said goods including iPhones, computers, and other products were stolen from her shop, adding that louts in the area where her shop is located were responsible for her ordeal.

She said, "My shop here at the plaza has been burgled over

## corpse in river

community leaders and stakeholders were interested in the matter, adding that the

police had intensified efforts to arrest other suspects linked to the crime.

## N1.3m goods from Lagos bizwoman

three times by burglars and I have lost a lot of my phones which are for sale to them. But this particular one is something that I cannot stomach again. I just bought phones and other gadgets worth over N3m and look at what I am facing again, robbers have entered my shop again and carted away my market. The case was reported at the Okota Police Station."

A trader, Nnnadi Oluchukwu, whose shop is located opposite Ekwulomu's shop, confirmed that his neighbour's shop had been burgled on three separate occasions.

He said, "In this area, there are many people who just walk around looking for what to steal. We even have people that they call 'Bolas' in the area that steal when they see the opportunity to do it. They broke into that lady's shop



•The burgled shop

and stole phones which I knew that they would sell for cheap prices.

"Another thing is that when you look at this area, there are too many louts around and they are all a security risk. How would one be able to protect his or her property when the louts are much? That's the problem that we are facing here. You would see people who don't have anywhere to go but to