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① Manhunt

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THE Ogun State Police Command has launched a manhunt for a suspect named Onyeaka, implicated in the murder of 18-year-old Habibat Akinsanya in Obasa, Mile 6, along Ajebo Road in Abeokuta, the state capital.

PUNCH Metro reports that the incident occurred at the deceased's father's farm.

Akinsanya was discovered dead on Sunday, bearing multiple machete wounds to her head and other parts of her body, with her hands bound behind her back.

Reliable police sources exclusively informed our correspondent that the victim was sexually assaulted before being murdered.

A police source, who wished

permanent resident status could

prison sentence of 10 (or more)

status if they are convicted of an

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begins for suspected killer of Ogun teenager

to remain anonymous due to not having the authority to speak on behalf of the state command, informed our correspondent that the brutal murder could be linked to a revenge attack on the family.

Although the source did not provide additional details when asked if the incident was a cult-related reprisal, our correspondent exclusively learnt from the Ogun State Police Command that the case was being investigated as a premeditated murder.

The deceased's father, Shamsuddeen, had previously reported his daughter missing to the Kemta Police Division on August 31, 2024.

Akinsanya reportedly left her father's house on August 30, 2024, to assist her sister, who operates a Point of Sale business in the Kemta area, where she was

allegedly approached by Onyeaka.

Onyeaka, who the police have identified as a primary suspect in the murder and who typically worked for the father, allegedly told the deceased that her mother needed her at the farm to help with the cassava harvest.

Our correspondent, however, learnt that the family grew suspicious of foul play when the deceased's sister could not find her

at either the shop or home, forcing the father to report the situation to the Kemta Police Division.

The source said, "The father informed the police that Akinsanya had left the house to assist at her sister's Point of Sale shop on Mile 6, Ajebo Road. However, when the sister arrived at the shop, Akinsanya was not there and did not return home.

"This case does not involve

kidnapping, as none of the typical elements are present. While the exact motive behind the murder remains unclear, rumours suggest it was premeditated. The victim was not forcibly abducted but was lured by the perpetrator under the pretence that her mother needed her at the farm. Once there, the perpetrator restrained her, raped and then murdered her.

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Traders lament as fire guts 40 Oyo shops

Ademola Adegbite, Ibadan

TRADERS at a popular market in Ibadan, the Oyo State capital, lamented their losses on Monday when their over 40 shops were completely razed to the ground after a fire incident.

