

Two 'farmers' held for Osun motorcyclist's murder

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Osun State Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Gotan. Credit: Osun State Police Command

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The Osun State Police Command, on Tuesday, announced the arrest of two men, Habeeb Adedayo and Akeem Fawas, who had posed as farmers and lured a commercial motorcyclist, Segun Olatunji, to a secluded place in Iwo, where they murdered him.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Abiodun Ojelabi, in a statement on Tuesday in Osogbo, said the suspects had lured the victim from Odo Ori, Iwo, to Olupon, where they attacked and killed him with a knife.

After killing the victim, the suspects allegedly stole his motorcycle and took it to Ibafo in Ogun State and were arrested while attempting to sell the item.

Stating other facts of the incident, Ojelabi said, "On August 16, 2025, the complainant reported at the Iwo Division that, at about 0800hrs, his son, Segun Olatunji, 'm', 26 years old, a commercial motorcyclist, left home for his daily commercial motorcycle operations within Iwo town and did not return home.

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"Immediately the report was made, detectives of the command swiftly put necessary investigation mechanisms in place, and fortunately, the duo of Habeeb Adedayo, 'm', and Akeem Fawas, 'm', were apprehended at Ibafo, Ogun State, while attempting to sell the deceased's motorcycle.

"During interrogation, the suspects confessed to having posed as farmers and lured the deceased by employing his services to convey them from the Odo-Ori area, Iwo, to their farmland along Olupon, Iwo, with an enticing sum of N5,000."

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Ojelabi added, "The suspects further confessed that, after reaching a certain location, they asked the deceased to stop. Habeeb Adedayo stabbed him in the neck, dragged him from the motorcycle and slit his throat with a knife. The suspects admitted to having committed the crime.

"Furthermore, Habeeb Adedayo confessed that he, along with three others, excluding Akeem Fawas, had previously carried out three successful operations in areas such as Ori-Eru, Agbowo, and Ebu Alare in Iwo. One motorcycle and a knife were recovered as exhibits."

In a related development, the police command also said a stolen car had been recovered by its men during a stop and search operation along Unity junction in Ikire on Friday.

The command said while its operatives that intercepted the vehicle, a Toyota Camry with Reg. No. JZ 756 ABC, were checking the car documents, the driver took to his heels, adding that a preliminary investigation revealed that the vehicle was stolen at Owode Ede.

Assuring the public that the suspects would be charged in court upon completion of investigations into their various crimes, Ojelabi further said the state Commissioner of Police, Ibrahim Gotan, admonished commercial motorcyclists to be security conscious while engaging in their daily activities.