

Police Smash Kidnap Syndicate

• Kill One, Arrest 3

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The police in Lagos have made a breakthrough in the battle against kidnapping when they rescued a 69-year old woman from the hands of a four-man gang of kidnapers at Agidingbi area of Ikeja, Lagos.

The police identified the suspects as Akinola Fawehinmi, Ganiu Ikusheri, Abimbola Akinloye and Gillo, leader of the gang who was shot dead when the police stormed their base to rescue the woman.

Police investigations revealed that the suspects picked the elderly woman identified as Mrs. Titilayo Abiade, who was waiting to board a bus to her Oke-Ado home in Ibadan, Oyo State at Berger Bus Stop in their unregistered Mazda 323 car.

P.M.NEWS learnt that few minutes into the journey to Ibadan, one of the suspects pointed a pistol at the woman and appealed to her to cooperate with them.

They snatched her handbag containing N4,000 and made a U-Turn towards Lagos.

Investigations revealed that they stopped at Agidingbi and held the woman hostage. They phoned and demanded N500,000 from her son-in-

law, Dotun, a staff of MiTV, before she could be released or else they would kill her.

Dotun was said to have begged them to spare her life and promised to pay the money within a few hours.

P.M.NEWS gathered that Dotun quickly contacted the police who accompanied him to the suspects' hideout at Agidingbi to dislodge the suspects and rescued his mother-in-law.

Three of the suspects were arrested while their leader simply identified as Gillo, was shot dead as he attempted to escape.

Narrating her ordeal to P.M.NEWS in Lagos, Mrs. Titilayo Abiade said: "I thank the police for rescuing me. I was standing at Berger Bus Stop waiting to board a bus to Oke-Ado in Ibadan after my visit to my son-in-law, Dotun, when the boys came with their car and started shouting 'Ibadan N300.' I boarded the vehicle not knowing they were devils.

"Few minutes into the

journey, one of them snatched my bag from me and told me to cooperate. When they searched the bag, they found only N4,000 inside. They got annoyed and turned back to Lagos.

"That was all I knew until I found myself at Agidingbi where they forced me to call my son-in-law to pay them N500,000 before I could be released. I quickly called Dotun who promised to bring the money.

"He later came with some policemen to rescue me. I thank the police for their quick response."



The suspects

Unjust Killing Family Denies Police Entry

GBENRO ADESINA/
Ibadan

The family of Monsuru Akanji, a student of The Polytechnic, Ibadan, Oyo State who was allegedly tortured to death by an investigating police officer at Agodi Divisional Police Headquarters, Sergeant Fakere Adegboyega, has denied a delegation led by the Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP), Oyo State, DCP Mohammed Ladan, entry into their family house.

P.M.NEWS gathered that on arrival at the home of the victim, family members closed all the doors leading into the house and told the police team sent to commiserate with them over the death of their son, to go back.

The family accused them of killing their son, who was said to be innocent. They called the policemen all sort of names, saying that it was too late for them to plead with them.

The team stood in front of the house for about thirty minutes, appealing to the family to allow them in or at least listen to them, but they were adamant.

When the police team realised that the family was not ready to attend to them, they left and reported the incident to the state Commissioner of Police, Alhaji Adisa Baba Bolanta.

Monsuru, who died in the police cell, was arrested and detained by the police for allegedly stealing a laptop. The IPO, who was alleged to have tortured him to death, has been dismissed and currently awaiting trial on a murder charge, among other offences allegedly committed.