

for murder, kidnap of priest in Edo

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A 16-year old house help, Zakaria, has been arrested for allegedly killing her boss and stealing her property in Edo. The police also yesterday paraded one Many, 24, for allegedly kidnapping Rev. Fr. Joseph Edia and Rev. Fr. Victor Adigboluja at Urhonigbe, Orhionmwon Local Government Area of the state.

The suspects were among the 38 suspects arrested and paraded by the police for various crimes such as kidnapping, murder, cultism and armed robbery.

The Commissioner of Police in the state, Johnson Kokumo, who paraded the suspects, said Zakaria committed the offence on October 3, at No 25 Osazuwa street, Oluku, in Ovia North East Local Government Area. He alleged that the suspect killed her boss, 51-year-old Rejoice Odogwu, with an axe, cutlass and stick.

Zakaria was said to have escaped with the deceased money, handset and jewelries after committing the murder, but was arrested at Wukari in Taraba State on November 23.

Speaking to newsmen when he was paraded, Zakaria denied killing his boss. He said he was brought from the village by his brother for the deceased to help him go to school, but claimed that the deceased was killed by some of her customers who were angry that their phones were stolen at her shop.

On the kidnap of Rev. Fathers, Kokumo told journalists that they were travelling from Abraka to Agbor in Delta State when they were attacked, robbed of their personal