

I killed my cousin because of hunger, says suspect

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Mr Sunday Odowo, arrested by detectives attached to the Ebonyi State Police Command, has disclosed that he killed his cousin, Sunday Omah, at Effium Ohaukwu Local Government Area because of hunger.

According to investigators, the victim, who used to repair and sell phone accessories, was murdered because his killers wanted to take possession of his wares.

The killers were allegedly led by Odowo, a close relative.

Omah was murdered on June 23, after the hoodlums invaded his shop, shot him several times before carting away his wares.

Police said: "The victim was shot repeatedly on his thigh before he died. When the killers invaded his shop, they had shot sporadically into the air, before they carried out their operations. They stole Omah's phones worth thousands of naira after killing him."

Odowo, who admitted committing the crime, blamed his action on hunger.

He said: "I was the one that fired the shot that killed him. I did it because I had nothing to eat. I have never stolen nor killed before. I'm begging the police to forgive me. My cousin was good to me. I don't know why I killed him. I will not do this type of thing again. I didn't know that we would kill him when we went to his shop."

Aside from Odowo, another suspect arrested for the death of Omah is Idenyi Christian.

The Ebonyi State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. Jude Madu, said that immediately the incident occurred, the command swung into action and arrested the two suspects. He said they would be charged for murder and robbery.

Madu also disclosed that seven other suspects were also arrested by the command for various crimes.

According to him, the suspects were arrested in various parts of the state and Benue State.

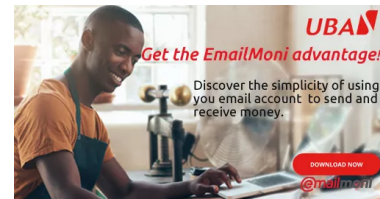
Items recovered from the suspects include five pieces of N400 MTN recharge cards, 33 pieces of N100 recharge cards, six Nokia handsets, one VISA phone, one Tecno, three ITEL smart phones, two expended cartridges and an object suspected to be a charm. Other recovered items are one dagger, two locally-made pistols, caps and singlet.

The PPRO said the suspects would be arraigned after investigation and warned criminals to flee the state.

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