

Robbers kill family of five, sell snatched SUV to pastor

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Detectives attached to Zone 9, Umuahia in Abia State have arrested a car dealer identified simply as Pastor and five others in Lagos in connection with the killing of a family of five on Benin- Ore Expressway.

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Armed robbers were said to have killed the five family members in an attempt to snatch their car while on their way to Abia on Monday last week. But after snatching the vehicle, they sold it to a car dealer in Lagos State.

Police from Abia stormed Lagos at the weekend and recovered the stolen Lexus Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV), with registration number KJA 454 EQ, at the dealer's shop at Ile-Iwe area of Egbe. A police source said the six suspects were detained at Ejigbo Police Division but would be moved today to Abia State.

The recovered car was also parked on the premises of the station. "The owner of the SUV was travelling with his wife and three children when the robbers ambushed them on the highway.

The robbers shot and killed them and took away their vehicle. "When the policemen came to Lagos to arrest the car dealer, we gave them all necessary support to recover the car. But the suspects denied their involvement in the robbery incident and claimed that they were victims of circumstance," the source said.

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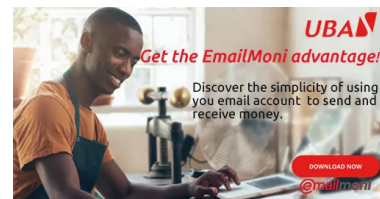
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When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), ASP Olarinde Famous-Cole, said he would call our correspondent later. However, he was yet to call at press time.



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