

GUS 3 winner, Hector's suspected killers arrested

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Detectives attached to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Lagos, have arrested six suspects in connection with the killing of Hector Jobarteh, the 2006 winner of the Gulder Ultimate Search (GUS) 3.

The suspects are Williams Igana (28), Valentine John (26), Usman Adekunle (19), Chimobi Madu (24), Ismail Adeyemi (20) and Abdulrasheed Jimoh (25).

Hector was shot dead at his Oko-Oba residence on September 4 shortly after returning from the Murtala Mohammed International Airport (MIA), Ikeja, where he went to pick up his brother.

The state Commissioner of Police, Imohimi Edgal, said one of the suspects arrested was an Uber driver, who conveyed the killers, while the others were found with the victim's mobile phone.

Edgal said that one of the suspects was still at large and efforts were on to arrest him.

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However, the Uber driver, Igana, said that he had driven some men, who threatened him with a gun, to Abeokuta but had no knowledge they were killers.

He said: "I was looking for an Android phone when my brother, Valentine, linked me with JK. It was JK that asked me to drive them to Yaba from Cement and I was paid N8,000, although I billed them N10,000.

"The next day, JK asked me to take them to Abeokuta and I charged them N20,000. On the way, we stopped at Sango and two other men joined us.

"We later stopped by a nearby bush and JK ordered one of the men to bring out a nylon bag which had a gun inside. That was when I tried to run away. But I was threatened and ordered back into the car."

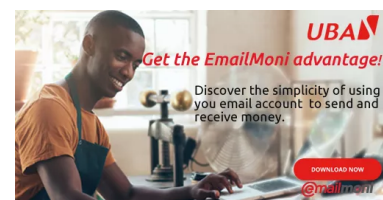
Igana added that he was later arrested through his younger brother who had gone to sell a stolen phone later identified as Hector's phone.

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On his own, Adekunle said he went with his uncle to the Computer Village to sell Hector's phone after the Sallah.

He said: "My uncle gave me N1,000 as a gift. That was the only thing I know about the incident. I was not part of those who went to Hector's house."

But Madu, who sold Hector's phone, said an engineer brought the phone to him to work on and he billed him N7,500.

According to him, after fixing the phone, he assisted the engineer to sell the phone to Jimoh.

However, Jimoh said he did not know anything about the robbery operation; he only needed an Android phone for his personal use.

He said: "It was someone who introduced me to Madu at the Computer Village, after negotiations I bought the phone from him.

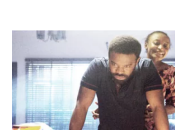
The next thing I saw was that police came to arrest me at my house at Ojodu Berger. I don't even know how they located my house. I don't know anything about the phone; I only bought it from Madu."

The Police Commissioner, Edgal, said when the victim was shot dead he promised the family members that the killers would be arrested.

He said: "We have made a tremendous success by arresting the killers of the deceased. We are not going to rest on our effort to arrest those who are at large. They will be prosecuted after completion of investigation."

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