

# I shot dead Oyo lawmaker –Robbery suspect

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A 30-year-old suspected armed robber, Kola Arobirole, yesterday confessed to the police that he fired the shot which killed a member of the Oyo State House of Assembly, Hon. Gideon Aremu.

Aremu was robbed and killed 16 months ago in front of his Alakia residence in Ibadan.

However, Arobirole aka Judgement, who was paraded alongside other suspects at the state Police Command Headquarters, Eleyele, Ibadan, claimed he did not know Aremu was a lawmaker.

Also arrested were members of a three-man gang of ritual killers arrested with two human heads and two legs. They are Bello Taofik, Babatunde Kareem and Adebayo Yusuf.

Arobirole, a native of Ekiti State, was arrested recently at Egbeda area of Ibadan in connection with another robbery operation involving a motorcycle.

He told our correspondent that he was invited by a friend to carry out robbery operation on July 1, 2016, but that he had to shoot the lawmaker when he held on to his accomplice whom he identified.

Aremu, who was representing the Oorelope Constituency in the House of Assembly, was preparing for his PhD convocation at the University of Ilorin, Kwara State, when he was robbed of his mobile phone and in the process, shot dead.

The state Commissioner of Police, Abiodun Odude, who paraded the suspects, said Arobirole had been on the wanted list of the police for being among the armed robbery gang who robbed and gruesomely murdered Aremu.

The commissioner said the suspect was arrested by the Special Anti-Robbery Squad of the Command at his hideout at Aisegba area of Ekiti.

The suspect had fled to his country home, Aisegba Ekiti, but sneaked into the state and led another armed robbery gang to snatch a motorcycle from its owner when he was arrested.

Arobirole said it was true that he shot Aremu.

He added: “But I did not know that he was a serving Honourable and it was one of my friends, now late, that invited us

for the job. When Hon. Aremu saw us with gun, he held tight onto the guy who invited us because he (Aremu) recognised him. That was why I shot him.

“I did not take any money from the late Hon. Aremu, but we robbed him of his phone. I was arrested for another case of robbery with my other two friends – Taofeek Bashiru (28) and Suliman Oladiti (27) – while the other guy with us is currently at large. We were arrested for snatching a Bajaj motorcycle bike.”

The police recovered from the suspects the Bajaj motorcycle with registration number AYJ 038 QM which was snatched at gunpoint.

Odude said that since the suspects had confessed to the crime, they would soon be arraigned.

Taofik said they dug the heads from the Ogbomoso Cemetery, Isale General.

He added: “We intended to use it for money rituals. This is the first time we are doing it. We got the details of the ritual charms from Baba Seriki, an area father to Kareem. We were arrested on our way home when the heads and the legs were smelling. We were accosted by some people on the road who asked us to open the bag we were carrying. We intended to run away, but they held Kareem who later took police to our house.”