

Kidnappers collect ransom, kill victim, dump body in river

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Police in Ogun State have arrested six members of a kidnapping gang, who allegedly killed their victim after collecting. The suspects are Fadeni Henry, Lebile Olatunji, Ehuwa Oririe, Olotu Tosin, Oluwole Odunayo and Peter Omogbemi. They allegedly killed their victim, Femi Olatunji, at Igbokoda area of Ondo State, last Friday, and subsequently dumped his body in a river behind Holy Trinity African Primary School, Igbokoda.

However, luck ran out on the suspects as they were nabbed by operatives of the Federal Special Anti-Robbery Squad (FSARS) in Ogun State. Parading the suspected kidnappers, the state Commissioner of Police, Ahmed Iliyasu, disclosed that they engaged the police in a gun fight for almost two hours.

Iliyasu said the suspects were later subdued and arrested by the police team led by SP Uba Bangadiya. According to the commissioner, the victim left his Isheri home in Lagos on a business trip to Ondo State and never returned alive to his family.

He said after the suspects dispossessed him of valuables, including an undisclosed amount of money withdrawn from his bank account through the Automated Teller Machine (ATM), they took his life. Iliyasu added that the suspects further contacted Olatunji's wife for ransom before her husband could be left off the hook.

The incident, he said, was reported at a police station in Isheri and upon the information the police launched investigation which led to the arrest of the suspected kidnappers. The commissioner told journalists that the FSARS operatives swung into action and stormed the hideout of the hoodlums at Igbokoda. Items recovered from them, Iliyasu said, were one pump action gun, one cut-to-size locally-made pistol, seven live cartridges, a Gionee handset and a Nissan Pathfinder 'Jeep' marked Lagos EPE 603 AT belonging to the victim.