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## I killed taskforce chair for disconnecting my light – Suspect



Okebugwu



Some of the suspects

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**A** 37-year-old man, Enyinnaya Okebugwu, yesterday told journalists that he murdered the Chairman of Umuoko-Umudala Ntigha in Isialangwa North Local Government Area of Abia State, Mr. Chibuzor Ogbuma.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Michael Ogbiz, paraded Okebugwu and 42 other suspects at the Central Police Station, Umuahia.

Okebugwu said he clubbed the 56-year-old victim with a heavy stick on a lonely bush path in the community to avenge the disconnection of his electricity line.

He said that the deceased, who was also the chairman of the community's electricity task force, ordered the disconnection his house for allegedly being in arrears of nine months, totalling N800.

Another suspect, an Aba-based fish seller, Emmanuel Nwadike (29), also narrated how he defiled an eight-year-old primary three pupil in his residence at No. 6, Agric Road, Owerri-Aba on July 20.

Nwadike, a father of two, said that he committed the crime about 9a.m., saying that he was moved by the "devil".

The other suspects were arrested within 40 days for various criminal offences such as kidnapping, armed robbery, murder and defilement.

Some of the suspects also in-

cluded alleged members of a confraternity, called Aro Confraternity, a syndicate that specialised in car theft, among others.

Briefing journalists on the efforts of the command to rid the state of violent crimes, Ogbizi said "some of the suspects are notorious. They have been arrested before in connection with crimes and later released but here they are today for similar crimes".

The commissioner said that the arrest was a product of renewed efforts by the command to ensure a peaceful and crime-free society.

He also attributed the harvest of arrests to the improved synergy between the police and the state vigilance group and admonished the public, especially motorists, to be vigilant, saying that criminals

had devised other tactics of stealing cars.

According to him, the criminals trail people with exotic vehicles to churches, big ceremonies and popular shopping malls in Umuahia and its environs.

The commissioner said that the 43 suspects "will be arraigned immediately".

Ogbizi said that during investigation, the suspects volunteered useful information that helped the police to arrest their fleeing accomplices.

He said: "We could not immediately arraign them. We kept them in custody because we needed to get useful information from them to be able to arrest their accomplices."

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