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# Siblings confess how they robbed, killed cyclist

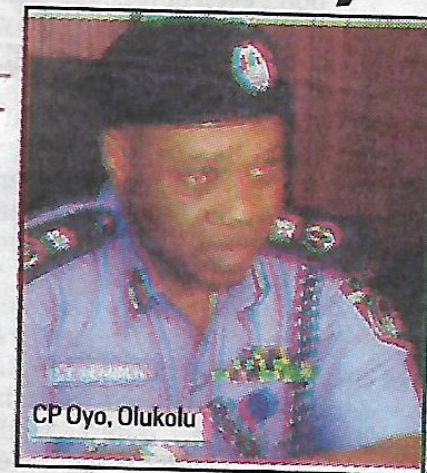
**T**wo siblings in Oyo State, Yakubu Suara (26) and Lateef Suara (20), have been arrested in connection with alleged robbery and murder of a 21-year-old cyclist, Oladapo Toheeb.

Others arrested with the siblings are Job Ogbile (20), Rilwan Suleiman (18), and Azeez Lateef (19).

The suspects were paraded at the Eleyele Police Headquarters, Ibadan, along with 40 other suspects arrested for various alleged crimes.

The Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr Olushina Olukolu, explained that the siblings specialised in robbing cyclists of their motorcycles and in some cases, killing their victims.

The CP confirmed that the suspects were arrested following a report by Abi-



deen Oladapo, to operatives of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) in Dugbe on October 10, 2019.

He said: "After the incident was reported, a team of SARS Operatives swung into action and after dis-

creet investigations, three suspects, who later identified themselves as Yakubu Suara, Job Ogbile, and Lateef Suara, were arrested in connection with the crime in their respective hideouts in Lagos, Ogun and Oyo states. Subsequently, Azeez Lateef and Ridwan Suliaman were later arrested as members of the syndicate."

Speaking on how the deceased was murdered by the gang, the CP disclosed that in the course of the attempt to collect his motorcycle, Job Ogbile, grabbed a wood and smashed it on Oladapo Toheeb's forehead. They

collected his motorcycle and left him in a pool of his blood to die.

Olukolu said: "The victim was left to die, and his remains have been found. The suspects have all confessed to the crime and also confessed to being behind series of criminal activities within Ibadan metropolis."

One of the suspects, Yakubu, alleged leader of the gang, said: "I started stealing motorcycles since 2018, after I was duped of N400,000. I was told that I would be traveling to Dubai for hustling, but I later discovered that it was all a lie, that I had been defrauded. I was left with nothing, so I went into snatching of motorcycles."