

Robbers kill, bury motorcycle rider

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etectives attached to the Delta State Police Command have exhumed the body of a 51-year-old motorcycle rider, Monorai Ofishe, who was killed and buried in a shallow grave by a five-man gang of armed robbers.

Police also arrested two of the suspected killers, Ovie James and Daniel John, at Oghara, in Ethiopia West Local Government Area while trying to sell the motorcycle to an unsuspecting buyer.

Prior to their arrest, the victim was reported and declared missing by his family when he did not return home after close of work.

The following day, his children went in search of him but discovered his motorcycle parked at the Oghara Police Station.

The state Commissioner of Police, Hafiz Inuwa, in company with the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, in Asaba yesterday, said the suspects were transferred to Mosogar Division for further investigation.

He said: "During interrogation, the suspects confessed to have murdered Monorai Ofishe with three others at large and buried his corpse in a shallow grave inside the bush at Akuodo village. The corpse was exhumed and deposited at Sapele General Hospital morgue."

Inuwa also disclosed that his men arrested some suspected assassins, Ifeanyi Igweike, Yusuf Mohammed, Isah Mohammed Lawal and Abduhrahamam Abdullahi.

The police chief said the suspects shot and killed a 39-year-old man, Bishop Ernest Beasley, at Jesus-Saves Avenue in Asaba.

According to him, the suspects also stole Beasley's Tecno Pouvoir phone.

He said: "The deceased Tecno phone was recovered from one of the arrested suspects after discreet interrogations by the investigative team which led to the arrest of the principal suspect, Ifeanyi Igweike."

Inuwa said the suspects would soon be charged to court.