

# Two on the run for alleged involvement in friend's death

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**A** 34-year-old man, Igbekele Awolope, has been allegedly killed by his friends with his body dumped in a river.

The body of Awolope was discovered in a river in Owabanbo, Idanre Local Government Area of Ondo

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der left home on the November 20, 2021 and did not return.

She told the police that, her son informed her that he was going to visit some of his friends whom she didn't know.

Following the report, Oyeyemi said, a case of missing person was subsequently lodged at Adigbe division, "but when the whereabouts of the victim remained unknown after some days, the Commissioner of Police, Lanre Bankole directed that the case be transferred to state criminal investigation and intelligence department for discreet investigation.

"At the SCIID, the DSP Nurudeen AbdulGafar led Modus Operandi section, embarked on intelligence and technical investigation which led to identification of one Babatunde Owoseni as the person who was last seen with the victim and he was promptly arrested.

"The said Babatunde later led policemen to arrest his accomplices namely: Azeez Oyebanji, Ayobami Adesina and Balogun Sulaiman.

State days after selling his mother's property to go and live with friends.

The two friends simply identified as Cele and Asas were alleged to have masterminded the killing before dumping his body inside the river.

Following the discovery of the lifeless body of the deceased, the suspects were said to have taken to their heels.

According to sources, the suspects had called the deceased, who was staying with his mother at another village to come and work with them in their village.

While lamenting the death of her son, the distraught mother of the deceased, Mrs Fungbe Akinso, disclosed that she had warned her son severally against associating with the suspect, hence the reason she earlier brought her son to stay with her at Ajue village from Owabanbo.

She urged the police to investigate the incident and give necessary punishment to the perpetrators.

According to her, "One of the friends called Cele said I should leave him so that he could work with them in the farm which I declined and we both went to Ajue. Later, my son told me Cele sent N2,000 to him to come back to Owobambo, which I opposed.

"But one day, when I got home I discovered that my son had sold some of my things in the house and ran to Owobambo to meet his friends. Immediately I called his sister to find out if her brother was in the village and she said, yes.