

'We lure our victims to building sites, kill them, sell their vehicles to Chinese companies'

...police recover various makes of guns, 10 vehicles, 130 gas cylinders, N1.2m among others

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companies in Benin City,
Edo State.

A 39-year-old, 2007, Law graduate of the Obafemi Awolowo University, Ile Ife, Osun State, Williams Abiodun, yesterday narrated how his gang of four disguise as site workers to lure drivers to a site where they dispossess them of their vehicles, kill them and sell their vehicles to Chinese

Abiodun, who said he hails from Owo, in Owo Local Government Area of Ondo State made the revelation while being paraded alongside 10 other suspected criminals by the Edo State Police Commissioner, Muhammed Dankwara at the Headquarters of the State Police Command, Benin City.

He said, "what we do is that we disguise as site

workers going to site, then we call drivers to take us to the site, when we get to the site, we will collect their cars, kill them with blocks and sell their cars. We first killed one, collected his car and I sold it to the Chinese company, the second one was a Keke, we also sold it, but the last one was the one that the police arrested us. We are yet to sell the Sienna Car before we were arrested."

Corroborating the report, Akin Amadin, one of the suspected gang members said, he met Williams Abiodun in Auchi and he told him about the business.

"Abiodun told me that my job is to be watching to see who is coming, the first one we did, he gave me #35,000, the second one was #55,000 and the last one was the Sienna Car, but we could not sell it before the police caught us. We killed the three persons," he said.

The gang is made up of Williams Abiodun, 39; Emmanuel Joseph, 30; Akin Amadin, 29, and the fourth person who is now at large.

The Edo State Commissioner of Police, Mohammed Dankwara, while briefing the press during the parade said the police recovered N1.2m, sophisticated arms and ammunition, while 135 suspects were arrested since his assumption of office in Edo State.

Man, 22, docked for alleged theft of 40 motorcycles worth N10.8m

A 22-year-old man, Israel Ojoon, yesterday appeared before an Akure Magistrates' Court, charged with stealing 40 units of motorcycles worth N10.8million.

The defendant, whose address was not provided, allegedly committed the offence sometimes in March 2021 at No. 29, Oke Aro St., Akure, but he pleaded not guilty to the offence.

The Prosecutor, Insp Augustine Omheimhen, informed the court that the defendant and others at large stole the motorcycles, property of one Alaro Kasim, the complainant.

He said the offence was contrary to Section 383 and

Punishable under Section 390 of the Criminal Code Cap 37 Vol. 1, Laws of Ondo State of Nigeria, 2006.

Omheimhen prayed the court to remand the defendant in the Correctional Centre and to give him time to study the case file and get his witnesses prepared for trial.

The counsel to the defendant, Mr Olanrewaju Akinware, however, opposed the prosecutors' application for the remand of his client and urged the court to admit him to bail in liberal terms.

Akmiware said that the defendant, according to law, was deemed innocent until otherwise proved guilty, adding that reasonable sureties would be provided if granted bail.