

NITEL GM, Five Others Arrested for Murder

The Police in Abuja yesterday paraded a General Manager with Nigeria Telecommunications (NITEL), Engineer Alexander Achi and five suspects for alleged murder of a 17-year-old girl in Kubwa, a satellite town in Federal Capital Territory (FCT).

FCT Commissioner of Police, Mr. Lawrence Alobi stated that the police were informed on July 29, 2006 by Job Ikape that his sister, Sara Ikape who left the house the day before on an errand was missing.

The police immediately swung into action and found the remains of the said Sara at Hamza Abdullahi farms. During investigation the following persons were arrested in connection with the heinous crime; Kabiru Yahaya, Ibrahim Mohammed, Aminu Sanni, John Egbere, Engr Alex Achi and John Novis.

According to the commissioner, during interrogation, Ibrahim Mohammed confessed that one Goddy of NEPA road, Kubwa allegedly bargained with them for N200,000 to kill the girl. An advance of N50,000 was allegedly given to them.

Alobi said "we are going to charge them to court immediately for criminal conspiracy, rape and culpable homicide.

"The suspects have confessed though we are still investigating the knotty

From Funmi Peter-Omale in Abuja

part of the crime."

But in an interview with newsmen, the NITEL General Manager, a level 15 civil servant, told THISDAY in profuse tears that he did not know any of the accused persons who mentioned him as being the sponsor.

"I have never seen these boys in my life. I do not

Police Kill 12 Suspected Robbers

Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia yesterday witnessed a heavy human traffic as residents trooped in their hundreds to catch a glimpse of a gory spectacle of 12 bodies of young men stacked beside the mortuary located at the western wing of the hospital.

The young men including a 13-year-old boy were suspected armed robbers arrested by the police the previous day at their hideout in Ohokobe Ndume community, Umuahia North Local Government area.

By 8am when the news of the slaughtered robbers went round the capital city hundreds of people abandoned their various engagements and rushed to the FMC to behold the lifeless bodies of criminal elements, who had been terrorising the capital city and its environs.

Residents of Umuahia, who went to see the dead robbers, were heard dis-

know the girl in question and have nothing to do with this. I am a level 15 civil servant due to retire very soon, why would I get involved in this? I am innocent and I am appealing to the Commissioner of Police to please temper justice with mercy and do a thorough investigation. I do not have a motive for engaging in this type of crime, knowing my position in the society and my place of work. Those

From Emmanuel Ugwu in Umuahia

cussing the fate of the criminals, saying they deserved to end their lives tragically considering the havoc they had caused to people.

The suspected robbers with various degrees of gun shot wounds were paraded before newsmen on Thursday morning at the state police command headquarters only for their bodies to be found stacked at the FMC grounds the following day.

Our correspondent gathered that three of the dead robbers were of same parents though their late father had separated from their mother only for the three boys to rebel against their mother and took to criminal life.

Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Jacob Oshiomogho told newsmen that the robbers were nabbed

(pointing at a group of men and women weeping) are my staff, you can go and ask them," he said.

One of the accused persons, Ibrahim, who allegedly stated that it was the NITEL general manager that sent them later said he was forced under duress to write the statement. "I was afraid that was why I said what I said. I have never seen the man before and he did not give us any money."

at their hideout in Ohokobe, following a tip off by informants, adding that four of the hoodlums were gunned down during an exchange of gunfire with the police.

He praised the public for its cooperation in making the operation a success, saying that a team of police detectives had swooped on the robbers at about 5.30am on Thursday and got them in a small house they had hurriedly completed to serve as their hiding place.

The DCP said that the gang was part of the hoodlums that put residents of Aba on edge but apparently relocated to Umuahia following the pressure generated by the combined of the army and the police in Enyimba city.

He noted that the police recovered a number of arms and ammunitions as well as various properties suspected to have been stolen from their victims.

While the commissioner listened attentively to all the explanations of the accused persons, he said he was per-

sonally taking over the investigations in order to ensure that justice was not mis-carried.

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