



## IG Parades Suspected Ritualist, Kidnappers

From Funmi Peter-Omale in Abuja, 09.11.2007

Acting Inspector-General of Police, Mr Mike Okiro, yesterday paraded a suspected ritualist and two others who allegedly abducted a Reverend Father and raped a teenager.

“On September 5, 2007, at about 0210 hours, the FCT Police Command patrol team, Rapid Response Team, headed by Sergeant Ahmadu Yuguda, along Ahmadu Bello way sighted a Honda Accord station wagon with registration number AG 847 SUL parked by the side of the road at Area II, Garki. When they attempted to check what was wrong with the vehicle, the occupant zoomed off but was given a hot chase. On searching the car, they discovered blood splattered all over the car which the suspect claimed to be “zobo” a locally-brewed drink.”

According to the Inspector General of Police, investigations led to the confession that he picked up a prostitute who denied him sex after allegedly paying her N1,500, so he killed her.

In an interview with newsmen, the suspect, Alhaji Uba Abdullahi, who said the knife he used in slithering the throat of the deceased belong to his wife in Kano, said the deceased became violent and struck him thrice with an iron rod, and he was forced to defend himself. He confessed that he killed her and was nabbed by policemen on patrol while trying to change his clothing.

But according to Okiro, “he tried to bribe the detectives with N60,000; he also took them to Uke Street, behind a supermarket, in Garki, where the body of the woman was recovered.”

However, contrary to the claims of the suspected killer, the victim has been identified as Mary Danladi from Kaduna. “She was a fashion designer, not a prostitute and was on her way from a Church service at Jabi, but never returned.”

Meanwhile, two of the assailants that attacked and abducted a Reverend Father (names withheld) in Aba have been arrested by the Police. Parading the suspects in Abuja yesterday, Okiro alleged that “On September 2, 2007, one Reverend Father after celebrating mass, was driving in his Mercedes Benz 190, in company of his mass servant and a female cousin but were attacked by assailants who fired shots into the air and abducted the three of them.”

Using the GSM phone of the Rev. Fr, they established contacts with the Catholic Diocese of Aba and demanded for a ransom of N7 million but the amount was negotiated down to N1 million. While in their custody, the 13 year old female cousin of the father was gang raped. The matter was reported to the Police and two suspects were arrested while a third suspect is at large.