



Policewoman arrested over death of ex-husband

By Festus Ahon

ASABA—DELTA State Police Command has apprehended a female police sergeant over alleged connection in the murder of her male colleague, simply identified as Kelechi.

The suspect, who was identified as Helen, according to a dependable source, was married to Kelechi. There was said to be a disagreement, which led to their separation.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said: "Kelechi met his death when he visited the home of the suspect, Helen, at Umuokwe village to see his daughter.

"Kelechi has lived in this neighbourhood over the years before he was transferred outside the state. He just came into town a day ago and decided to see his daughter, who is living with Helen.

"I feel that his decision to visit his daughter infuriated Helen, who raised alarm that Kelechi was a thief and had come to kidnap her daughter.

"Some youths in the neighbourhood gathered and attacked Kelechi and killed him in the process."

Another source, a student,

who gave her name as Gift, said the killing of the policeman had brought apprehension to the neighbourhood.

She said: "Since last Thursday, most people living around here have run away from their homes. We are afraid

that police will start arresting everybody around here."

Confirming the incident, the State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu, said the suspect was being held in custody along with her accomplices in the killing of a

policeman last Thursday at Ogwashi-Uku.

Kalu said: "The suspect has been arrested and detained along with other culprits, who took part in the killing of the policeman. The case is currently under investigation."

4 docked for cultism, 17 for armed robbery, breach of peace

By Jane Echewodo

LAGOS—FOUR men have been arraigned before an Ikeja Magistrate's Court for allegedly forming an unlawful society, known as Aiye Confraternity, a secret cult.

This came as 17 men were arraigned before same court for allegedly conducting themselves in a manner likely to cause breach of peace by molesting and causing havoc to innocent passers-by and robbery.

The suspected cultists include Good, 18; Lilly, 18; Bidemi, 23; and Babasola, 18.

The defendants were alleged to have committed the offence on June 22, at Isawo Road in Western Lodge Hotel, Agric

Bus Stop, Ikorodu, Lagos.

According to the prosecutor, Samson Ekikere, the offence is punishable under Section 409 and 42(a)(b) of the Criminal Laws of Lagos State of Nigeria, 2011.

However, the defendants pleaded not guilty to the two-count charge of felony and unlawful society slammed on them before the court.

Magistrate Y. O. Aje-Afunwa, granted them bail in the sum of N100,000 with two sureties, who must have verifiable addresses.

She subsequently adjourned the matter till November 9 for mention.

The 17 suspects arraigned for allegedly conducting themselves in a disorderly

manner are Ismaila, 20; Yusuf, 18; Kabiru, 19; Adeleke, 29; Afolabi, 27; Shehu, 20; Ibrahim, 28.

Others are Afolabi, 27; Lawal, 20; Joel, 18; Okafor, 28; Kareem, 22; Usman, 20; Obasi, 26; Ibrahim, 28; Ayuba, 35 and Abubakar, 21.

The defendants, however, pleaded not guilty when the charges were read to them.

This prompted the court, presided over by Chief Magistrate Y. O. Aje-Afunwa, to grant them bail in the sum of N200,000 with two sureties, who must be gainfully employed with verifiable addresses.

She adjourned the matter till October 21 for DPP's advice.

They are all facing a three-