

Policeman's son, 5 others arrested over murder, kidnap in Rivers

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Six suspected members of a kidnap syndicate, who carried out the abduction of the Chief Executive Officer of Menakeb Limited, Chief Nemi Adoki, last December in Port Harcourt, Rivers State, have been arrested.



The suspects

Surprisingly, one of them Telkina Silva, 26, was a former driver of the victim. Telkina is also the son of a serving Police Inspector attached to the state Police Command.

During the operation, the suspects shot dead a petty trader, Abdullai Maikano and riddled the victim's car with bullets.

Vanguard learned that 61-year-old Adoki was about driving out of his building located on Victoria Street, in the company of his driver and an unidentified man, when the kidnappers attacked.

They announced their presence with sporadic gun shots before dragging their target out of his vehicle and whisked him into their operational vehicle and drove towards the creeks.

In an act of bravery, the deceased, who sold provision in a kiosk in front of the abducted man's house, entered the victim's car as the driver drove after the kidnappers.

However, on reaching the creeks, the kidnappers brought out Adoki from their vehicle and were heading towards a waiting speed boat, when the victim's driver drove in.

They were said to have opened fire on the occupants of the vehicle, in the process of which Maikano's body was riddled with bullets. He died on the spot, while his assailants escaped with their target.

The victim's driver and an unidentified occupant took Maikano's corpse to the Police, where the abduction was reported.

Vanguard gathered that Chief Adoki was released on January 4, 2018 from the creeks of Akuku-Toru Local Government Area, 21 days after his abduction after a ransom of N9 million, as reliably gathered, was paid.

When news of the incident reached Idris Ibrahim, the Inspector-General of Police, he directed his Intelligence and Response Team, IRT, headed by Abba Kyari , an Assistant Commissioner, to fish out the perpetrators.

Police sources told Vanguard “between January 15 and February 5, operatives of the IGP- IRT deployed to Port Harcourt, arrested six members of the kidnapping gang from different locations in Rivers and Bayelsa states.

Two Pump Action rifles were recovered from them.”

The suspects are Justice Timothy, 22; Akpos Livinus, 33; Daniel Allen, 27; Kelvin Alpheus, 30; David Abak, 29, and Telkina Silva, 26.

‘Why I masterminded my boss’s kidnap’

During interrogation Silva, said that he was maltreated by his ex-boss, Adoki.

He said: “I worked for him as a driver between 2015 and 2016. One day, I went into the office and met him romancing his girlfriend.

“Since then, he became mad at me and even refused to pay me for two months. Instead, he sacked me.

“In anger, I contacted Daniel. I don’t know the others. It was Daniel, who contacted Justice.

“I did not join them in the operation, I only monitored my former boss’ movement.

“I got N1 million from the ransom. I used the money to start developing a plot of land at Okrika.”