

Undergraduate, one other nabbed over murder of bizman

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AN undergraduate, Francis Obi, and one Semiu Abiodun have been arrested by operatives of Lagos State Police Command in Ajangbadi, Ojo area of the state over the murder of an Italian-based businessman, Oboile Obinna Efenkade.

According to the police, the 30-year-old Efenkade was reportedly killed when a four-man robbery gang stormed his apartment in Ajangbadi area at about 2:40 pm on March 19, a day before his return to his base in Italy.

Vanguard gathered that Efenkade's gate-man was shot on the head for refusing the gang entrance into the house, while the deceased was shot on the chest.

The gang members fled the scene but were arrested after weeks of painstaking investigation by men of Special Anti-Robbery Squad.

While parading the suspects at Lagos Police Command

headquarters in Ikeja, Commissioner of Police, Zubairu Muazu, said the suspects had travelled all the way from Imo State to strike.

Muazu said: "On March 19, 2019 at about 2:40 pm, police officers attached to Special Anti-robbery Squad, Igando Base arrested Francis Obi and Semiu Abiodun both residents of Imo State.

"During interrogation, the suspects confessed to have killed the 30-year-old Efenkade in an attempt to rob. They said they came from Imo State to operate in Lagos."

Suspects' accounts

Recounting how he joined the gang, Francis Obi said he never knew his friends were taking him for a robbery operation.

According to him, "three of my friends called me to accompany them to a friend's house, who owed them at Ajangbadi. I followed them to recover the debt.



The suspects.

It was when we got there and they brought out a gun that was when I knew they had another motive. I could not run, but stayed with them. I used to be a cultist, a former member of Vikings."

Denying the allegation, 24-year-old, Semiu Abiodun, said: "I am a

commercial motorcyclist. The guys just told me to carry them to the place and I did not know they were going to rob or kill someone."

Asked who owned the guns that were recovered from them, both suspects claimed they were given to them by their friends who are on the run.

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