

3 arrested for allegedly beating 23-year-old man to death in Ogun

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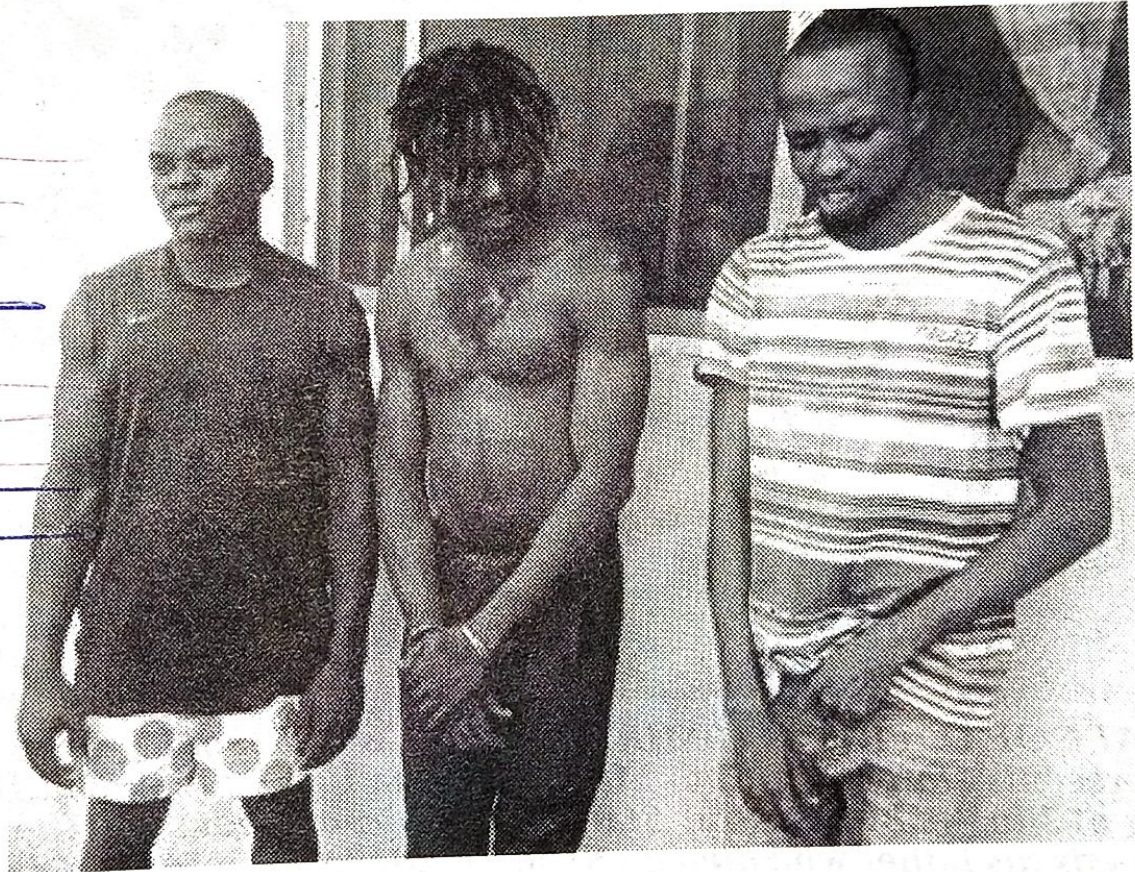
3 **ABEOKUTA**— Three suspects, who reportedly beat a 23-year-old man, Samuel Ajibade, to death over alleged phone theft have been arrested by operatives of Ogun State Police Command.

According to the police, the three suspects, Ugo Obi, Chinonso Jude, and Chibuke Samson, were arrested January 21, 2021 at Iju Ota, Ado Odo/Ota Local Government Area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said the father of the victim, Gbenga Ajibade, had reported at Onipanu Divisional Headquarters that his son, Samuel, was alleged to have stolen two mobile phones by the suspects, who jointly beat him to a state of coma.

He said the father stated further that the deceased was rushed to the General Hospital, Ota but was confirmed dead as soon as he got to the hospital by the doctor on duty.

Oyeyemi said the Divisional Police Officer, Onipanu, CSP Bamidele Job, led detectives to the scene where the three suspects were arrested.



The suspects.

He said it was the quick response of the police that saved the suspects from being lynched by the mob, on hearing that the victim was dead.

Oyeyemi said the corpse of the deceased had been deposited at the morgue of the General Hospital, Ota for post mortem examination.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, has ordered the immediate transfer of the suspects to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department for further investigation and diligent prosecution.