

We hacked PoS operator to death, burnt his corpse to cover our track —Suspect

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OPERATIVES of the Ogun State Police Command have arrested four members of a syndicate that specialised in robbing and killing PoS and **UBER** operators.

The suspects, identified as Kehinde Salu Jehu, aka Oluomo; Abiodun Akinola, Johnson Fakeye and Jamu Akinola, were all arrested following a report lodged at Onipanu Divisional Headquarters on April 18, 2021, by one Aanu Salaudeen.

Salaudeen reported that she works as a PoS attendant to Mr Abiodun Odebummi, a PoS operator.

She said: "My boss left his office at Aparadija the previous day to meet a customer with a cash sum of N4 million to be used for PoS transaction. Since my boss, Abiodun Odebummi, went to meet the customer he has not been seen, and all calls made to his mobile phone number has not been going through."

According to Salaudeen, "My boss had earlier done a transaction of N1.5 million with the person who invited him the previous day. It was the same person, who called my boss to meet him at Onipanu for another transaction of N4 million."

Sequel to the report, the policemen at Onipanu commenced an investigation into the sudden disappearance of the man, their efforts paid off when the dead and burnt body of the victim was discovered in an uncompleted building at Arobeye area of Ota without the trace of his assailants.

However, the case was transferred to the Homicide Section of the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department, SCIID, on the order of the Commissioner of Police, Edward Ajogun, who mandated the homicide team to unravel the perpetrators of the dastardly act within the shortest possible period.

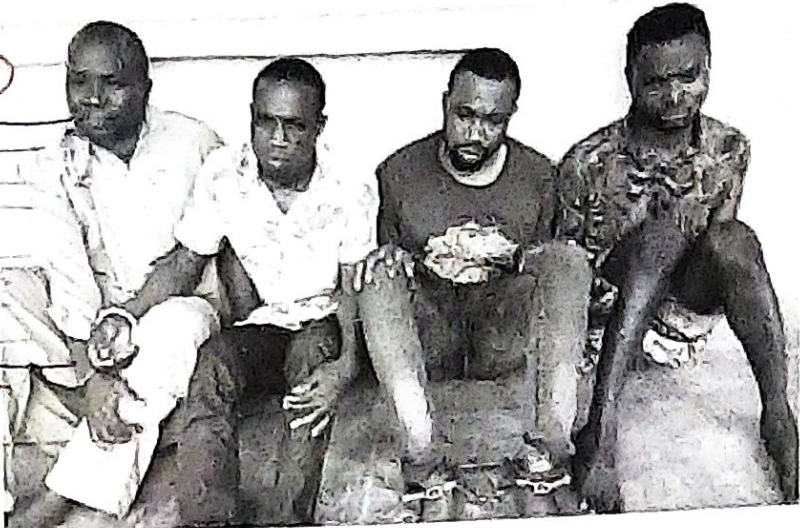
How they were arrested

It was learned that in compliance with the CP's directive, CSP Femi Olabode-led homicide team, embarked on a technical and intelligence-based investigation, which led them to Olun Elati in Ekiti State where one of the suspects, Kehinde Salihu, was discovered to be hibernating.

ex-NMA scribe's 20m ransom

Isaga-Orile community in Abeokuta North Local Government Area of Ogun State.

The Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyeyemi, who confirmed the incident to newsmen in Abeokuta, said Adedamola "is a manager in one of his father's farms. They went to the farm and I think that was where some gunmen abducted the guy."



The suspects.

On getting to Ekiti, the suspect got wind of the presence of the detectives and quickly escaped to Ota in Kwara State. With determination to apprehend him, the team continued trailing him and they later got information that he was in Benin Republic, where he had gone to attend the court session of Chief Sunday Adeyemo aka Sunday Igboho, and that he would soon be coming to Nigeria.

Having got the information about the day he will be returning to Nigeria, the team laid an ambush for him and got him arrested at the boundary between Ogun and Lagos states.

During police interrogation, Kehinde Salihu Jehu, who claimed to be a native of Apomu in Osun State, confessed to killing the victim.

Our targets are Uber and PoS operators

According to him, "I deliberately lured the victim to Ota where my gang members and I were waiting for him with the money he was asked to bring. Since I had transacted N1.5 million business with him the previous day he didn't suspect any ulterior motive."

"When he arrived we macheted him to death after collecting the money from him. We burnt the victim's body to cover our tracks."

"Our targeted victims are always Uber and PoS operators. When we want to attack an Uber operator, one of us will pretend as a passenger to the Uber driver and will lure such driver to where our members are waiting, and as soon as he gets to the place, the driver will be hacked to death and the car will be taken away to our receiver."

"My gang and I attacked another Idowu Ademiluyi at Ikorodu area and snatched his Toyota Corolla car, having macheted him to the point of death."

Confirming the arrest, spokesperson, Ogun State Police Command, Abimbola Oyeyemi, said Kehinde Salihu led the detectives to their receiver, Abiodun Akinola, who is a standby buyer of every proceed of their crime.

The confessional statements of the duo led to the arrest of the other two suspects, Johnson Fakeye and Akinola Jamu at Atan Ota and Owode Yewa respectively."

One Toyota Camry, one Toyota Corolla and one Toyota Rave 4, whose owners had been gruesomely murdered were recovered from the gang.



CRASHED: High tension pole fell on Keke NAPEP during a heavy rainfall at Constitution Road, Kaduna, yesterday. Photo: Olu Ajayi.