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# Kidnapper kills colleague during shootout with Amotekun in Ondo

• Amotekun personnel shot, recuperating  
• Kidnapped victim rescued

By Dayo Johnson

A suspected kidnapper, Funmi Adenuoye has been shot dead by one of his gang members during a shootout with operatives of the Ondo State Security outfit codenamed Amotekun.

Adenuoye was killed by his colleague identified as Kunle while trying to escape from the men of the Amotekun, who pursued them after they kidnapped a 58-year-old cement dealer, Alhaji Shakinudeen from his home at Waterside area in Ogun State.

The deceased and two of his gang members, Tayo Ibrahim and Kunle, had on Wednesday kidnapped the victim.

Sources said that the suspects drove their victim to Okitipupa in Ondo State from Ogun State with the intention of hiding there and negotiating for ransom.

The suspects were said to have been pursued by Amotekun following their reckless driving after crossing into Ondo State with their victim.

Ibrahim, 38, who was arrested after the gun duel confessed that they had negotiated with the victim to pay a ransom of N2 million before the shootout with the Amotekun.

According to him; "I was in my house when my friend, Funmi Adenuoye, told me to wait somewhere for him. When we met, he told me that we were going for a robbery operation. It was when I got into the vehicle that I realized that they had already kidnapped a man.

"It was when we were going that Funmi asked the man whether he had N10 million and the man said he did not have such amount.

"But he later told the man to tell his people to bring N2 million for his release. Kunle was the one handling the gun used for the operation."

On his part, the victim while thanking God for his life and the timely intervention of Amotekun said his abductors negotiated for his ransom while on motion as he was said to be blindfolded and made to lie down in his



END OF THE ROAD: The suspects paraded by the Amotekun Corps.

vehicle, a Toyota Highlander, which was used to kidnap him

"When they kidnapped me, they told me that they will collect N10 million for my release but after pleading with them, they agreed to collect N2 million.

"They told me to call my family to get the money ready and the money was raised. They said the money should be taken to a place between J4 and Ajebandele in Ondo State. But Amotekun had rescued me before they could collect the ransom."

The Amotekun Commander, Chief Adetunji Adeleye said that the security outfit's intelligence network aided the operation.

"One Tayo Ibrahim, Funmi Adenuoye and Kunle engaged one Alhaji Shakinudeen, 58, that resides in Owopin area of waterside in Ogun State.

"They met him by his door at 2000hrs on the 6th of October 2021 at gunpoint. They were able to kidnap him, bundled him into a highlander vehicle and drove recklessly out of Ogun to Ondo State.

"Our credible intelligence network picked that some criminals were driving recklessly. At that point, we didn't know

what was in the vehicle but their driving presupposed that there were problems. So, we mounted a manhunt for them and in Okitipupa area of Ondo State, we were able to apprehend the gang.

"They engaged our men in a shootout and we were able to eventually secure the release of the victim.

"We also arrested Tayo Ibrahim, who negotiated with the victim for a ransom of N10 million while on the road. They thereafter gave him his phone to contact his family members who were directed to bring the ransom to a particular point in the riverine area of Ondo State.

"The kidnappers, who carried out the act were three in number. One died, another one was able to escape and we have one with us in our custody.

"The one that ran away was the one who was armed with a gun. It was when he was trying to escape that he began to shoot and in the process, the gunshot hit one of his gang members.

"They injured one of our operatives but he is now recuperating in the hospital and they lost one of their members in the shoot out," the Amotekun commander said.

## ALLEGED RAPE OF STUDENT: Uniben places lecturer on interdiction pending Police investigation

By Gabriel Engholase

THE case of the University of Benin lecturer, who allegedly raped and detained a final year student of the English Language department has been referred to the police for investigation by the institution's management.

The university, while reacting to the allegations against Dr Steve Ekundayo in a statement issued by its spokesperson, Dr Benedicta Ehanire, yesterday, in Benin, attributed the decision of the university management to the gravity of the allegations and the legal issues involved.

Recall that Ekundayo, a Senior Lecturer in the Department of English and Literature, allegedly raped a 400-