

Scavenger kills landlord in Ondo

**Cult members, underaged boys nabbed for burglary, stealing*

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A 39 year old scavenger, Basiru Ibrahim has allegedly killed a landlord, Arise Ikuesan in Ore, Odigbo council area of Ondo state for disallowing him to pick iron rod from his compound. Vanguard gathered that the scavenger hit an iron rod on the forehead of the deceased during an argument over his invasion of his privacy without his consent.

He reportedly died as a result of the injuries he sustained in the attack.

Eyewitness account said that the suspect who is now in police custody attacked the deceased for trying to stop him from picking iron rod in his compound.

Spokesperson of the State Police Command, Funmi Odulami who confirmed the report said the 45 year old landlord was attacked by the scavenger.

Odunlami said "On 13th September, 2021, at about 1600hrs, a report was made at Ore Divisional Headquarters that a scavenger, Basiru Ibrahim 'm' 39 years old hit an iron rod on the forehead of one Arise Ikuesan 'm' 45 years old, now deceased, after trying to stop the scavenger from picking iron rod in his compound.

"Upon the receipt of the

information, Detectives swung into action and arrested the suspect who confessed committing the crime.

On the teenage burglars, the police image maker said that Police Patrol Team at Igbaraoke Division, intercepted one Opeyemi Olotu 14 years and Blessing Arohunmose 17 years, both of Odo-Ode Igbaraoke with Mobile

Phones accessories valued at ₦200,000.00.

"During interrogation they confessed to have

burgled the shop of one Olumide

Folorunsho, a Phone accessories seller, on 2nd October, 2021, at about 0100hrs.

Odunlami added that Emmanuel Sunday, aged 11 years, a member of the gang who was formerly at large, had also been arrested.

The police image maker said that the suspects will soon have their day in court.

Also, four suspected cult members were arrested for shop breaking, bur-

glary and stealing.

They include (a) Abiola Akinlowo 'm' Aged 25, Yakubu Lattef 'm' Aged 21, Abdulwaheed Abibu 'm' Aged 25 and Emeka Ali 'm' Aged 25.

The suspects who were caught in the act at Arakale market according to the police have confessed to the commission of the crime and stated that shop breaking was their area of specialization.

They equally confessed that they had broken into three shops in Arakale Area to steal goods.

APC fails to pay N12.9m newspapers & journalists cry out

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The ruling All Progressives Congress APC is currently in a financial mess following its inability to pay an advertisement debt of N12.9 million more than one year after some Newspaper houses published the said advertorials.

The centrespread advertorial, titled, "Report of the Screening Appeal Committee for Edo state Governor, Godwin Nogheghase Obaseki submitted Saturday 13th June 2020 to the National Working Committee NWC at the Party's National Secretariat" was published on Friday, 19th June, 2020 in several

newspapers.

The material was placed by the Comrade Adams Oshiomhole-led NWC through the Publicity Directorate of the Party.

There was also a full page advertorial published on the same day showing the University of Ibadan degree certificate tendered to the screening appeal committee by Gov. Obaseki who had been disqualified from participating in the party's Edo state Governorship primary election.

However, following a trouble-shooting emergency meeting of the National Executive Committee NEC of the party, the Oshiomhole-led NWC was sacked days later on June

25.

In its place, a Caretaker/Extraordinary National Convention Committee was then appointed, with Governor Mai Mala Buni of Yobe State named as its Chairman. Mr Buni was for several years National Secretary of the APC until his election as governor in 2019.

Journalist sacked

The refusal of the party to pay the advert debt has however claimed its first casualty following the sack of one of the reporters covering the party. Others are also facing several disciplinary measures, with two of them placed on half salary while another has had his salary completely stopped since Jan-