

Driver abducts master, kills him while on business trip

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AN Akure Chief Magistrate Court has been told how a driver, Idowu Adekanye, allegedly kidnapped and murdered his master, a popular businessman, Omololu Olowosoye, in Irele council area of Ondo State.

Police in the state had arraigned the defendant in court on a four-count charge of conspiracy, kidnapping, and murder. According to the police prosecutor, Taiwo Oniyere, the defendant allegedly committed the offence about 10:pm on January 14, 2023, on Ore-Irele road.

Oniyere said that he conspired with others now at large to kidnap his boss when he accompanied him on a business trip to Osogbo, Osun State. He also alleged to have murdered the victim with a stick and also strangled him.

The offence according to the charge contravenes Section 6(b) and 2(a) and (b) of the Ondo State Anti-kidnapping, 2010 and Section 316 of the Criminal Code, Cap 37 Vol. I Laws of Ondo State, 2006.

The police prosecutor asked the court to remand the defendant at the Olokuta Correctional Centre pending advice from the Director of Public Prosecutions (DPP).

But his defence counsel, D.S Akinbo, asked the court to discontinue the application.

Akinbo argued that the matter was not ripe for hearing, as his client, was served on the day of arraignment.

The trial Magistrate R.O Yakubu, therefore, adjourned the case for hearing.

Meanwhile, the deceased's family, in a petition, to the AIG, Zone 17, by their lawyer, A.K Akinbuluma, has called for justice and discreet investigation.

The petition reads in part, "We are particularly disturbed about how the officers from the Ode-Irele Divisional police station are going about the investigation into the case. Our clients

were informed by police officers that the suspects have been arrested and transited to the Anti-Kidnapping section of the Police Command in Akure.

"However, our clients discovered that some of the suspects linked to the commission of the heinous crime are still in the

community gallivanting around.

"What is more worrisome to our clients is that families of the suspects who have been arrested in connection with the murder case are now approaching the police officers of the Anti-Kidnapping Unit in Akure, for the administrative bail of the suspects, thereby frustrating fairness and justice of the case.

"As a minister in the temple of justice, we have advised our clients to remain calm.

"The discreet and purposeful investigation will be carried out by your office, hence this petition.

"Mr. Omololu Olowosoye is the breadwinner of his family with many dependents, four children, and other dependents.

17-yr-old armed robbery gang leader nabbed, confesses to killing victims

A 17-year-old leader of a robbery gang, Soji Olaro, has been apprehended by police detectives in Ondo state.

Soji, who was paraded alongside other suspected criminals in Akure, the state capital, confessed that his gang members have killed during their operations.

The suspect said that "I was with my two other friends who I met in Ore and this was not the first time we have been operating in Ore. We have operated many times.

"The last time we went for an operation, we killed someone. But this time, luck ran out on me as I was arrested while others ran away.

"We normally use cutlasses and heavy sticks during our various operations.

"Others that ran away were not really my friends, we only gather ourselves together and plan whenever we have any operation to carry out.

"We meet, plan and agree on how to go about a particular operation.

"We've carried out several operations that were successful and we share whatever comes out of each operation after that particular operation.

"Because, we don't trust ourselves, we share the proceed of every operation to the last.

Meanwhile, the police spokesperson, Funmi Odunlami, said that the suspect was arrested for robbery and killing in Odigbo council area



• Soji Olaro, suspect

of the state.

Odunlami added that the suspect, carried out the crime with his two other friends who escaped from the police during the raid.

Also paraded, were two sus-

pects arrested for stealing motorcycles at Ijomu area of Akure, the state capital.

They are; Dada Joseph, 31, and a 44-year-old Kola Isoda.

Missing person

Israel Ajibade, a 16-year-old boy, light complexioned and about 5ft 6inches is missing. He left home in Ketu on February 25 at about 4.30pm in a white inner wear, and has not been seen since then. Ajibade speaks English and Yoruba fluently. Any information about him should be forwarded to Estate Police Station, Alapere, Kosofe Local Government of Aagos State or any police station. Alternatively, the following

phone numbers could be contacted: 08024328852, 07055307772, 07054424261 or 08144431956.

