

Lagos Police smash Uber killer gangs, arrest seven suspects

• Recover decomposed body of murdered Uber driver

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The Lagos State Police Command has dismantled robbery gangs targeting Uber drivers, arresting seven suspected members of separate gangs.

One of the gangs, a four-man group, included a United States returnee who stabbed an Uber rider to death in an attempt to steal his Toyota Camry, on Thursday, January 9, 2025.

The suspects according to the Commissioner of Police Lagos State Police Command CP Olarewaju Ishola, who briefed journalists on the breakthroughs recorded by the command between September 2024 and January 10, 2025, at the Command headquarters, yesterday, ordered for the ride on Thursday, January 9, 2025, at Chevron in Lekki area.

Explaining how life was snuffed out of the unsuspecting driver, CP Ishola said, the suspects - Emeka Akwara, 19; David Segun, 21; Samuel Arioni, 21; and Lukman Arioni, 19, "ordered an Uber at Chevron in Lekki area, en route to Obalende, at around 12 midnight.

" Upon arriving at Obalende in a secluded area, they robbed and killed the Uber driver by stabbing him multiple times in the neck. Fortunately, they were unable to steal the vehicle, thanks to the intervention of good Samaritans and passersby. Two suspects were immediately arrested and handed over to police operatives at Lion Building. Further investigation led to the arrest of two more fleeing suspects, in the Chevron area of Lagos. The deceased's body was deposited at the Mainland Hospital Yaba morgue".