

Robbers kill Ondo technician defending family

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A 47-year-old technician, Idris Clement, has been killed during a suspected armed robbery attack in Akure, the Ondo State capital.

The state police command disclosed that a suspect in connection with the death had been arrested.

PUNCH Metro learnt on Sunday that Clement was allegedly attacked by a four-man gang of armed robbers at his residence in the Shagari area of Akure in the early hours of Friday.

It was gathered that the robbers stormed the community at about 1 a.m., attacking residents and dispossessing them of their valuables before invading Clement's residence, where he was shot dead.

Confirming the incident on Sunday, the Police Public Relations Officer for the state command, DSP Abayomi Jimoh, said one suspect had been arrested and was assisting detectives with the investigation.

"We have arrested a suspect in connection with the violent attack on residents of Shagari and the killing of the technician. The suspect is currently in our custody at the State Criminal Investigation and Intelligence Department and is assisting the police with the investigation," Jimoh said.

He assured residents that the command would ensure justice was served.

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“We will ensure that everyone involved is arrested. Efforts are ongoing to apprehend other members of the robbery gang who are still at large,” he added.

Jimoh also said a thorough investigation was ongoing and that all those found culpable would be prosecuted.

Speaking with journalists, one of the deceased’s sons, AbdulFatai Clement, described the attack as devastating, saying the robbers had already attacked two houses in the area before forcing their way into their family compound.

He said, “The armed robbers came into our street around 1 a.m. and started robbing residents. They had robbed about two other houses before they came into our house in full force.

“My father did not want to leave anything to chance, so he confronted one of the robbers to defend the family, not knowing there were about three or four of them and that they were heavily armed.

“They attacked him with axes and cutlasses before one of them brought out a gun and shot him. The robbers fled immediately after he collapsed. We rushed him to the hospital, but he had lost so much blood. The doctors later confirmed him dead.”

The deceased’s widow, Mrs Taibat Clement, appealed to the Ondo State Government and security agencies to ensure those responsible for her husband’s killing were arrested and brought to justice.