

# Husband, wife kill mum over N30,000

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A 46-year old man, Adedeji Idowu and wife, Adebimpe Nusirat Kosoko were yesterday arrested by the police in Lagos for allegedly hiring armed robbery gang that killed his 65 year old biological mother, Alhaja Sakirat Idowu over N30,000.

The woman was shot to death, same day, she returned from United States of America, USA.

Daily Champion gathered that the couple, after killing the old woman participated in sharing her properties, including cash, jewelry and laptops.

Our reporter gathered that the four armed robbery gang allegedly attacked the woman shortly after she arrived her no 18 Akiti Avenue at Okota, residence Lagos on December, 1, 2010 from the Murtala Mohammed International Airport, MMIA, Ikeja. She was driven from

te Airport by his son, not knowing that he had already planned to rob her with his gang. "Immediately he brought his mother to the house, he asked the guard to open the gate for the gang to come in and during police investigations the guard disclosed that he opened the gate for the son."

But the son who confessed to the arrangement that led to the death of her mother told our correspondent that he hired the

robbers to rob her mother and disposes her of her belongings and not to kill her. "I regret my roles in my mother's death. I hired the robbery gang to rob her and collect all her monies for me. I was deported two years ago. I don't know what entered into me because my mother has been of immense help to me. She had stood beside me in times of need. She gave me money for my business. We had quarrel some times ago but settled by our family members. One of the robbers who is A member of Oodua Peoples Congress, OPC and he advised me to attack my mother but I pleaded that she should not be killed."

However, her wife who is a graduate of Lagos State University LASU, said she was not privy to the planning but admitted that she knew of the gruesome murder after the death of her mother in law. "After the death of the old woman, there were lots of accusing fingers pointed on him, I asked him and he confided on me that he planned for the robbers to rob he not to kill her. He begged me not to reveal it to anybody. I accepted and kept the news. I went to the home of one of the criminals to collect \$200 dollars and some jewelry for my husband."

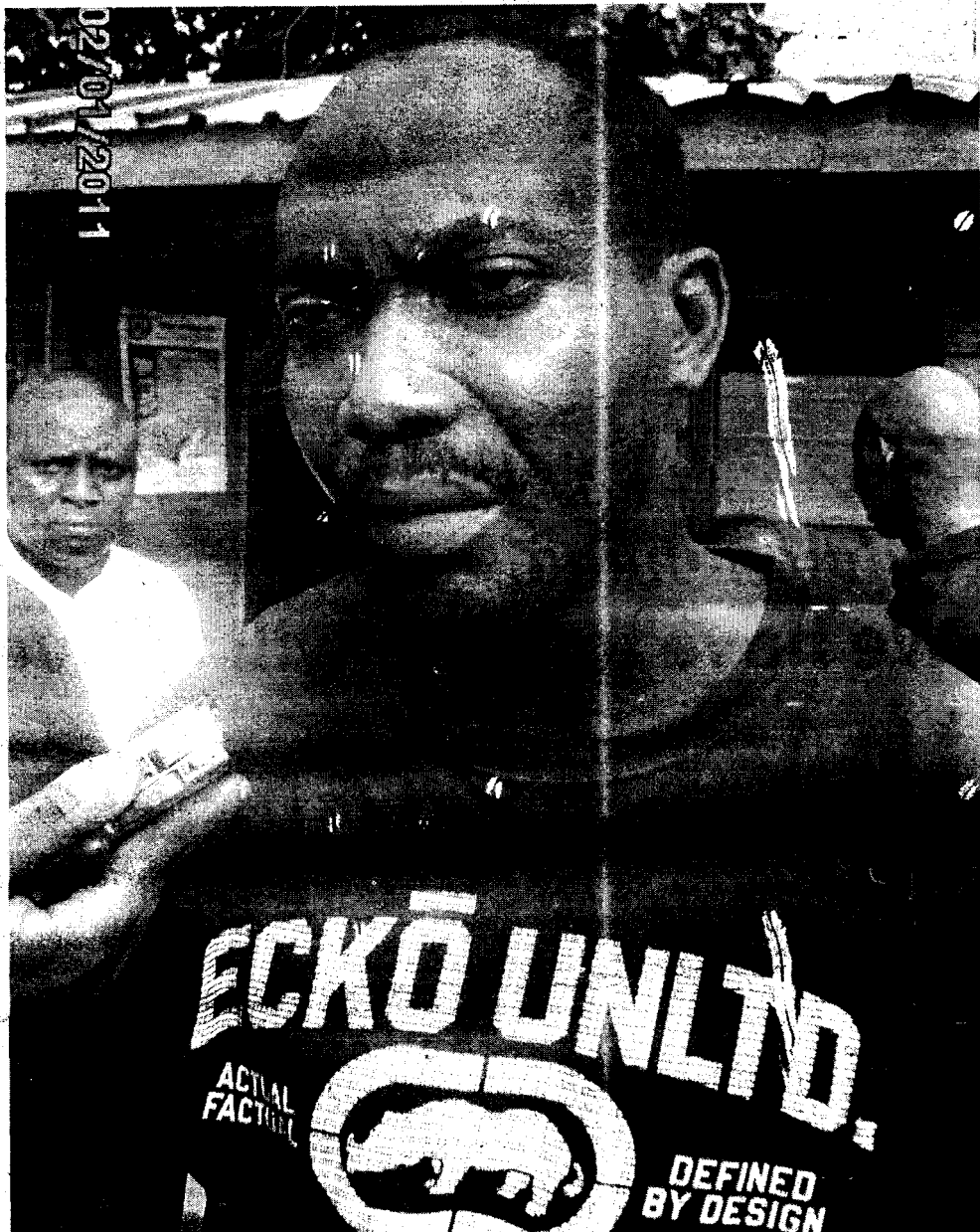
Out going Commissioner of Police, Mr. Marvel Akpoyibo said 'The chain of events that led to led to the eventual robbing and shooting that led to the death of late Alhaja Sakirat Idowu started on November 9 2010 when Adedeji, a graduate of Textile Southern University and one of the biological children of the deceased approached a notorious criminal gang led by Maminu Olusoji, alias "Ologede" and sought the assistance of the gang to rob her mother who was billed to return from USA."

Akpoyibo said preliminary police investigations revealed that the principal suspect told his wife about the planned' robbing of the mother. He said the wife did not dissuade her husband from engaging into such act.

The leader of the suspects, Ologede, told our correspondent that he was not the one that fired the bullet that killed the woman. We agreed not to kill the woman but collect her money but Ambali who is our armoury mistakenly fired the woman. He said the woman wanted to confront him. He has not been caught by the police."

Akpoyibo said two live cartridges and huge collections of charms were recovered from the Oloyode when his house was searched.

He noted that efforts have been intensified to arrest other fleeing members of the gang.



•The suspect, Mr. Adedeji who killed mother

## New Bakassi chairman talks tough

TOM MOSES, Calabar

THE newly sworn-in Chairman of the New Bakassi Local Government Area, Dr. Ekpo Bassey has pledged his administration's commitment to fighting poverty to a stand-still by building capacity of the youths and providing micro-credit to them to boost their businesses.

Bassey who announced his plans in Calabar Monday after being sworn-in as chairman of the New Bakassi

developmental programmes as our government is gender friendly."

Besides, he said his administration would place high premium on the development of the agricultural sector through the identification of agricultural products that are cultivatable in the area and the strengthening of the fishing sector of the riverine communities.

"Cassava production requires fertile soil and vast land which we have in abundance.

"Our focus will include provision of fertilizers, modern farming

and economic empowerment", Dr. Bassi stated.

More so, he promised to pay serious attention to the education and the health sectors in line with the existing policies and programmes of the state government.

Cross River State Government has said it has the duty of ensuring that the people of Bakassi Local Government Area are peacefully integrated with their Ikang brothers.

Governor Uyel Imoke stated this while swearing in Dr Ekpo Ekpo Bassey as the Chairman of