

Gunmen shoot Ogun security operatives, kill one

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Gunmen have reportedly rained bullets on operatives of the Ogun State Government-owned security outfit, the So-Safe Corps, killing one ASC Jimi Ogunjimi.

Our correspondent gathered that Ogunjimi was shot in Areke area of Sagamu where he, alongside his colleagues, had gone to for security surveillance.

The spokesman of the So-Safe Corps, Moruf Yusuf, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Wednesday.

According to him, Ogunjimi was shot dead in the early hours of Wednesday at Areke, where he and five others were deployed to curb the criminal activities of some gunmen terrorizing the highways in Remo axis.

He said, "The corps' gallant officers visited Areke community in Sagamu because one of these gunmen's hideouts is located in the community, which happens to be a hotel.

"A few minutes after the officers got to the community, at about 0130hrs, a white Hilux pick-up with no registration number was sighted. When it approached the officers, it was flagged down, but it zoomed off.

"The team leader, ASC Ogunjimi, along with Kazeem Akodu Elewedu, trailed the vehicle, but it made U-turned in front of Walex Hotel, Areke and the occupants opened fire on our men.

"The officers were heavily sprayed with bullets from the Hilux vehicle. Bullets from the gunshots left Officer Jimi Ogunjimi dead and the gunmen escaped in their Hilux. Efforts are on to identify the gunmen."

Yusuf hinted that the matter was reported to the DPO of Ewuoliwo Division by residents of the community who, he said, also "sent his men to visit the scene of the incident."

Ogunjimi, who was until his death, the Areke Post Officer, is survived by an aged parent, wife and a male child.

"We pray that the good Lord will rest the soul of the deceased gallant and faithful officer of the corps," Yusuf said.