

Arsonists kill guard, set filling station on fire in Ondo

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A security guard simply identified as Sunday attached to Titolu Venture filling station in Igoba, Akure North Local Government Area of Ondo was shot dead in the early hours of Monday.

His attackers, suspected to be arsonists, also set the filling station on fire before they disappeared.

The deceased guard was said to have been tied up before he was shot.

The station's manager, Ajisafe

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Oluwatobiloba, who said he got notified about the fire incident around 4 am yesterday, could not finger anyone in connection with the incident

According to him, "At about 4 am, I was called by one of the residents, and on getting here, we saw the station burning, we called the fire service and they came to put out the fire not knowing the perpetrators had killed our security guard.

"While trying to figure out what could have caused the fire, we saw where the guard was tied and killed.

"We also saw the keg used by the arsonist filled with petrol which part of it must have been used to wet the station before setting it on fire," Oluwatobiloba said.

Meanwhile, detectives from the Ondo police command who visited the scene had since deposited the guard's corpse in the mortuary.

Spokesperson for the state police command, Mrs Funmi Odunlami who confirmed the incident, said investigation was ongoing to unravel the circumstances that led to the crime.