

Armed robbers kill man, injure three others in failed N4 million heist

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TRAGEDY struck in the Isolo area of Lagos Mainland yesterday when armed robbers, at about 1.45 p.m., shot and killed one person and wounded three others in an attempt to steal money estimated at over N 4 million.

The deceased, simply known as Owode, who sold trailers at a warehouse close to Iyana-Isolo, and three of his customers, were returning from a bank in Okota. Owode drove them in his car, a brown Nissan Bluebird car with the Registration Number: AZ 132 KR.D.

According to one of the sympathisers at the scene; "At about 1.00 p.m., somebody brought a customer who wanted to buy two trailers to Owode. Two others accompanied them

to the bank in his car and he drove. I learnt the robbers accosted them at Abimbola Way when they were coming back from the bank."

An eyewitness who suspected the robbers must have acted on information, said: "The robbers on three motorcycles trailed them to Abimbola Street.

They rode close to the car and started shooting at the occupants.

Owode was killed while the three others received bullet wounds.

"The robbers stopped and tried to force open the boot of the car in order to carry the money.

But when they saw people running towards them, shouting, they abandoned the money and escaped," he said.

When *The Guardian* visited the scene, the rear windscreen of the car was shattered while the deceased lay in a pool of his own blood.

The Police from Ilasamaja Police Station later took the body and the injured persons to Isolo General Hospital.

The female customer who was critically injured was transferred to Ikeja General Hospital as it was learnt there was no x-ray equipment at Isolo while the deceased was deposited in the mortuary.

A senior police officer

from Ilasamaja Police Station confirmed the incident, adding that the money would be taken to the Police Headquarters at Ikeja until the owner is well enough to claim it.

In another development, armed robbers had on Monday afternoon attacked two filling stations along Ikotun-Ijegan Road in the Alimosho Local Council of the state.

The robbers may have been lured by the huge takings the petrol stations were said to have been making, following sale of scarce products over the weekend.

An attendant at one of the stations was seriously injured when the robbers who were said to have been heavily armed, struck.