

Gunmen kill security outfit officer in Ogun

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UNKNOWN gunmen, yesterday, killed an officer of Ogun State Security Outfit, Social Orientation and Safety Corps (So-Safe Corps) at Sagamu area of the state.

The deceased, Assistant Superintendent of Corps (ASC) Jimi Ogunjimi, was reportedly shot in Areke area of Sagamu in the early hours of yesterday, while on surveillance of the area in company of five colleagues.

Spokesperson for So-Safe Corps, Moruf Yusuf, who confirmed this to *The Guardian*, said Ogunjimi was shot dead, while on assignment to curb the heinous activities of some gunmen terrorising the highway and hibernating within Remo area of the state.

He said: "Six gallant officers

of the Corps were deployed to be on surveillance and to ensure they curb the heinous activities of the gunmen terrorising our highways in Remo axis and do hibernate within the town.

"The Corps gallant Officers visited Areke Community in Sagamu as one of the black spots is located in the community and which happened to be a hotel where they hibernate.

"A few minutes after the officers got to the Community at about 0130hrs, a white Hilux Pick up with no registration number was sighted and immediately it approached the officers and was asked to stop, it zoomed off."

According to Yusuf, while the team leader, Ogunjimi together with Kazeem

Akodu Elewedu followed the vehicle, the driver and his gang felt the officers may want to foil their operation and "they turned back in front of Walex Hotel, Areke, where the suspected gunmen have severely bullied and attacked the So-Safe officers for trying to know who they are whenever they came to lodge there at odd hours.

"The officers were heavily sprayed with bullets from the Hilux Vehicle which led to the death of Ogunjimi, while the gunmen escaped with the Hilux and effort is ongoing to identify the gunmen.

"The residents of the community came out in their large numbers and also informed the Divisional Police Officer, Ewuoliwo Division, who sent his men to visit the scene of the incident."