

Robbers Attack Delta Governorship Aspirants

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• Kill Son In Lagos, Attack Perm Sec, INL Staff

Delta State governorship aspirants, Godson Echegile and Olorogun O'tega Emerho, were victims of different armed robbery attacks in both Asaba, the Delta State capital and Lagos at the weekend.

Echegile was trailed to his Boji-Boji Owa home in Ika North East Local Government Area of Delta State and dispossessed of two vehicles.

But Emerho suffered greater damage as the Lagos robbers killed his first son, Ijamani, who was shot at close range along the Lekki Expressway last Wednesday.

This is coming barely a week after the gruesome murder of Lagos frontline politician, Funsho Williams, which many have described as a political killing.

Lagos Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Oladode Ojajuni, said Ijamani, who recently clocked 18 years, was shot on the head by his assailants, who operated on a commercial motorcycle (okada).

Ijamani's car had broken down at Total Filling Station, Ilasan along Lekki Expressway at about 11.50 p.m., when his assailants attacked him and a

female acquaintance of his. The robbers had dispossessed him of his mobile phone before shooting him.

He was rushed to Excel Medical Centre, Ikoyi, Lagos where he was later pronounced dead. He was on holiday in the country before his death. He was billed to return to United Kingdom (UK) on Tuesday (today), where he was studying.

Meanwhile, a permanent secretary in one of the ministries in Asaba and the Independent Newspapers salesman in Asaba, Collins Owire, were also robbed in Asaba at the week-

end.

The Police however, killed one member of a five-man robbery gang and inflicted serious injuries on another who had robbed people who had gone to withdraw money from a new generation bank in Asaba.

It was gathered that Echegile was on his way back from Lagos on Sunday when four armed men who had trailed him from behind drove in and demanded to see the owner of the House on Memeh Street, Boji Boji Owa.

Sources close to him said the four hefty men who were armed with AK 47 eventually dispos-

sessed him of his jeep and Mercedes Benz cars.

Echegile, who had reported the matter at the police in the area, also went to Asaba to report the incident to the state Commissioner of Police, Udom Ekpoudom.

When contacted, Ekpoudom confirmed the robbery adding that one of the cars snatched from the aspirant had been sighted at Abuja.

Another robbery gang went to Owire's residence where a permanent secretary in one of the ministries also resides and robbed them of their valuables and undisclosed sums of money.

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