

bers' movement towards the Benin Republic border, intercepted the bandits.

He appealed to members of the public to assist the command in apprehending the fleeing suspects, who, according to him, sustained bullet wounds during the gun battle.

## Police, late guard's family trade accusations over death

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**BOTH** the relatives of a 28-year-old night guard simply identified as Lukman and the Oyo State Police Command are now at each others neck over the mysterious death of the young man.

While the family members are pointing accusing fingers at the police for torturing Lukman to death in their detention, the police, on the other hand, are saying that the deceased committed suicide.

Lukman, a professional vulcaniser at Irefin Junction, Ibadan, was employed as a night guard at the Ceramic and Aluminum section of the Motor Spare Parts Sellers Association at Agodi Gate area early in the year, ostensibly to curb the incessant robbery incidents taking place at the shops.

Following alleged robbery incident that took place at his duty post at the Aluminum shop, Lukman became a suspect and was subsequently arrested and detained last Friday by police officers at Gate 2 Division of the Nigeria Police.