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## My son's killers must not go unpunished, says dad

**F**AMILY of a late technician with LG electronics, Uyi Uwagboe, have called on the Nigerian Police to as a matter of urgency investigate the death of their son, who was found dead in his pool of blood in Satellite Town, Lagos.

The late Uwagboe, 31, an Edo State indigene, died on January 24. He was buried last Friday.

According to the deceased's father, Mr Kennedy Uwagboe, a trader, his son went to work in the morning but by 9:30pm, he received a phone call asking him to come that his son has been attacked by hoodlums in Satellite Town.

He said: "The person also called his younger brother and fiancée. We were thinking if he could have been kidnapped. So the police patrolling Satellite area from Agboju Police Station accompanied us to the scene. We met Uyi dead in his pool of blood. His phones, laptop and money were taken away. He was seen with the young man that called us to inform us of the incident."

"We later moved to Agboju Police Station. From there, we took

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his body to the morgue of the Nigerian Navy Hospital in Ojo, around 1am.

"I went back to the police station the following day, wrote a statement and the officers sympathised with us, saying they will see what they can do on the matter but, till today (last Thursday), we have no information on what the police has done about the case."

"My wish is that government should do something on the issue, because I want to know who would have cut his life short, a young promising, upcoming boy, who the whole family is looking up to, and was supposed to get married this year."

He said the family has ordered the release of the man who called him to tell him of the incident, saying the man may be innocent to have stood by his dying son.

"The man said he met Uyi in his pool of blood begging for help, and that if they had picked him earlier, he would have probably survived. But, everybody was running because of bad boys in the area. By



•The late Uwagboe

the time we got there about an hour, it was too late. Uyi was the one that gave the guy our phone numbers.

"The only information we have

so far is that the police have arrested one person, who knows the people that killed my son. The person mentioned five names to the police officers who told us they have taken the suspect to the houses of the other suspects, arrested another suspect and father of one of them. So the case was transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Yaba, Panti, Lagos Mainland.

"They said they will pursue the case so as to get the hoodlums, but we have not heard anything from them. I would have loved if those people were apprehended and prosecuted."

He described his son, who will turn 31 this year, as easy going.

"He hates trouble, he will never fight, he loved peace and he is always concerned about everybody,"



•His father

he said.

The deceased's fiancée, Fatima Junaid, said she has lost hope on what government can do on the matter.

She described Uyi as a good person, God fearing and loyal.

"He had a giving spirit, he forgives and forgets. He was always there for me and my family. We have been dating for about eight years and we hope to get married this year," she said.

The late Uwagboe's younger brother, Henry, described his brother as the best in all ramifications, saying he would miss him for everything.

He said his brother's journey from work does not usually have anything to do with Satellite area, wondering how he got there

## Defence counsel seeks accelerated hearing in firearms case

By Robert Egbe

**D**EFENCE counsel in the trial of four persons charged with illegal possession of firearms and invasion of Oko-Olomi in Ibeju-Lekki, Lagos, Adewale Adegoke, has applied for accelerated bail hearing at the Federal High Court, Lagos.

Adegoke told Justice Ibrahim Buba that the defendants, Ganiyu Alabi, David Murphy, Folarin Isiaka and Kehinde Isiaka, had been in prison custody since last November 25, following their inability to perfect their

wilful damage.

The police alleged that they and others at large, on October 15, 2016, at about 10am, invaded Oko-Olomi community, while armed with three pump action guns with numbers 2856, 8976, and 2598, a double-barrelled gun and two live cartridges.

The defendants denied the charge.

At the resumed hearing of the trial last Friday, a prosecution witness, Bariu Agbogunloko, narrated how

ened all the property owners in the area with guns before demolishing all of their properties

Agbogunloko stated that the matter was reported at the Area J Police Division and Elemoro Police Station, Ibeju-Lekki, but nothing was done, so, they petitioned the Police Headquarters, Abuja.

He claimed that the police then stormed a home in Abule Baba Adisa close to Oko-Olomi and arrested the defendants with firearms and live ammunition.

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