

One month to 73rd birthday celebration

Three siblings allegedly hack Ogun landlord to death

THREE siblings have allegedly killed a landlord in the Abatabutu area of Odugbe-Adie Owe village in Ado Odo/Ota Local Government Area of Ogun State, Albert Adebari Odeyemi, after one of them was accused of burglary.

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The culprits, Matthew Elegbede, Sunday Elegbede and Funmilayo Elegbede attacked Odeyemi landlord last Thursday night.

The landlord had earlier prevented a mob from lynching Mathew, after he was apprehended while he was allegedly burgling a woman's apartment at the deceased's house.

Matthew was said to have brought down one of the louvers of the windows, following which the woman, Victoria Omiata raised the alarm that attracted neighbours to the scene.

Odeyemi, who also live in one of his houses a few meters away from the scene was subsequently informed about the incident.

According sources, the suspect did not run away when the louvers fell down on his victim who was in bed.

Odeyemi, it was gathered, identified the suspect to be a member of a family living in the neighbourhood and he asked the mob not to lynch the suspect.

The late Odeyemi promised to report the suspect

to his relatives in the morning. A few minutes later, the suspect returned with three of his siblings in a truck, suddenly brought out a cutlass and he made futile attempt to machete the woman he allegedly broke into her apartment, while other occupants of the building fled the scene.

Mathew and his two other siblings were said to have hacked the landlord after the woman he wanted to rob escaped.

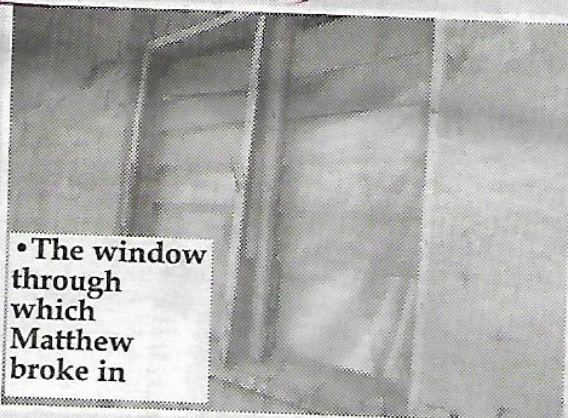
The Nation gathered that septuagenarian suffered machete cuts on his forehead.

Sources said Odeyemi was first taken to a hospital in the neighbourhood for treatment.

He was later taken to Ikeja General Hospital, Lagos, where a major surgery was to be carried out on him before he died.

Omiata said: "I was sleeping when the window's louvers fell down on me and I raised the alarm by shouting thief, thief! My screams roused my neighbours from their sleep and the boy (Mathew) did not run away. He was later identified to be one of the residents of our street. Our landlord then pleaded that we leave the matter for him to settle and that he would inform the suspect's family members so they can reprimand him.

"The suspect later left the scene and he returned about five minutes with two of his siblings in a



•The window through which Matthew broke in