

Gunmen kill OAU lecturer

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A lecturer in the Department of Agricultural Economics, Obafemi Awolowo University (OAU), Ile-Ife, Dr Deji Adejobi, was, on Tuesday evening, killed at his residence located at The-Dawn area, near the Ife toll gate, Ile-Ife.

Narrating the incident, Adejobi's gateman said assailants trailed the deceased to the house at exactly 10.10 p.m. and shot him twice after initially shooting into the air to scare residents of the community.

One of the children of the deceased, Oyin Adejobi, who shared her experience amidst tears, lamented how her father was murdered in cold blood by the gun-wielding assailants.

According to her, "as we finished our evening prayer at 10.05 p.m, Dad drove into the compound. Then I overheard an argument between the gateman and

some strange people.

"I quickly looked from the window and I saw another black car that entered our compound together with dad's car. Our gateman was querying the occupants of the other car but they hit him and ordered him to lie down.

"The men in the black car came out before dad could alight from his car and one of them shot into the air. Two of them advanced to Dad's car while others came inside. Grandma started begging those that came inside. Suddenly, we had gunshot twice from the outside.

"The assailants left at 10.20 p.m and took dad's car away. I overheard my father begging them that they should not take him away. When they left, we thought they took him away and we started praying for his safety, without knowing that he had been killed. When the police came, they saw his lifeless body amidst the

flower."

The younger brother of the deceased, who is also the Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Olumuyiwa Adejobi, described the death of his brother as "very pathetic."

Confirming the incident, the Osun PPRO, Mrs Folashade Odoro, said the command had already commenced investigation into the matter, assuring that the police would fish out the perpetrators.

While commenting on the development, the Public Relations Officer of OAU, Mr Abiodun Olanrewaju, said the death of Dr Adejobi was unfortunate, saying that the management, staff and students of the university were sad about the development.

"It is unfortunate that university lecturers have become target of kidnappers, robbers and assassins. This trend is dangerous for the education system in the country," he said.