

## How my wife was robbed, killed inside her shop —Husband

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**T**HE husband of Mrs Kate Amoabi, a 31-year-old mother-of-one has narrated how the life of his wife was cut short on April 27 by armed robbers who invaded her shop at 37, Old Ota Road, Orile Agege, Lagos State.

**Nigerian Tribune** learnt that Mrs Amoabi was about closing for the day's work when two men who rode on motorcycle stormed her shop and shot her dead, after dispossessing her of her valuables.

It was gathered that the woman, who was selling provisions before her death, had been robbed about four times also in the same shop, as the area was said to be notorious for activities of criminal elements who attack innocent people, especially whenever it was getting dark.

Her husband, Mr Amodu Amoabi, who operates a mini canteen about four buildings away on the same road, told the **Nigerian Tribune**, during a visit to his their residence, amidst sobs, that: "My wife had already

closed for the day but wanted to lock up her shop when the incident happened.

"I heard a bang because my shop was nearby but I didn't know the sound was from a gun. I thought it was from a burst tyre or exhaust pipe of a bus.

"But in less than a minute after, one boy ran to my shop to tell me that my wife had been shot by armed robbers. I was shocked. Two customers were with me at the time. I abandoned them and my four-year-old son and ran to the scene.

"I met my wife in the

pool of her blood. She couldn't utter a word let alone move her body. She was shot in the neck. Her younger sister, who was staying with us, was there with her, crying, without knowing that she was also shot.

"My mind was centred on my wife. And because she was a bit huge, I couldn't carry her alone. I shouted for help but no one showed up immediately.

"Eventually, I saw one young boy who helped me to call a tricycle rider. We then rushed her to a nearby private hospital where she was confirmed

dead.

"I found it difficult to believe that my wife was dead. I begged the doctors around to do all they could to save her life, but it was like I was doing the impossible."

All the while, Amoabi didn't know that bullets had hit his 12-year-old sister-in-law, Onyiyechi Chukwuemeka, a primary five pupil.

"I was called on phone by a neighbour that she had slumped. The bullets hit her in the stomach and thigh; and she is currently at the intensive care unit of the Lagos State Uni-

versity Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja.

She was referred to the place from General Hospital, Orile Agege where she was earlier taken to.

According to Amoabi, the girl told him that the robbers collected his wife's handbag with all the money she made for the day and that she was shot in the process of struggling with them not to collect her phone.

**Nigerian Tribune** also gathered that she might have acted that way since it wasn't the first time she would be attacked and robbed.