

Gunmen kill petrol dealer, man commits suicide in Ondo

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ARMED robbers on Tuesday night stormed the residence of a petrol dealer, Bode Dangunro, in Igbokoda, headquarters of Ilaje Local Government Area of Ondo State, where they shot him dead and carted away N2 million cash.

It was gathered that the robbers, who arrived at the Olotu community via Ugbonla, Igbokoda at about 9:00 p.m., shot the petrol dealer in the stomach after collecting the money.

A family member, Malo Olorunwa Francis, who confirmed the incident, explained that the armed men stormed the community and operated unhindered before taking the N2 million from his brother.

He said: "They entered the house, attacked my brother and shot him in the stomach before taking away the N2 million.

"My brother was a fuel marketer. We rushed him to a private hospital in Igbokoda where he later died during an operation to remove the bullets."

Francis said the remains of the deceased had been deposited at a morgue at Igbokoda for autopsy, while the incident had been reported at the police station.

In another development, a

62-year-old man, Moshood Lasisi, on Tuesday, committed suicide by hanging himself in his room at Ayede Ogbese community in Akure North Local Government Area of the state.

Lasisi's body was found dangling on the roof of his room by his wife and children who raised the alarm when they returned from the farm on Tuesday evening.

It was gathered that the deceased had been on crutches for some time and had been indoors.

His wife, Lady Evangelist Victoria Lasisi, said they decided to peep through the window after knocking on the doors several times with no response, only to find her husband's body dangling on the ceiling.

She said he had died before help could reach him, adding that it was glaring he arranged tables and stools to carry out the suicide.

Confirming the two incidents, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Funmi Odunlami, said preliminary investigation was already in progress to track down the armed robbers who killed the petrol dealer.

The police spokesperson added that details of the man who committed suicide were still sketchy, but said the command would investigate to unravel the cause of death.