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## Bandits kill one in Ijebu Ode

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Barely two months after an attack on a bureau de change chief in Ijebu Ode, Alhaji Amidu Usman, his younger brother, Alhaji Umaru Usman, was early on Tuesday morning killed by suspected armed robbers in the same town.

The incident, according to an eyewitness, happened about 7.30am when four armed robbers who came in a Toyota Camry car, visited the man at his 11, Oridan Street, Italapo in Ijebu Ode and demanded some money allegedly believed to have been brought to the house.

Two of the robbers, it was learnt, first attacked a man living next door to Umaru and collected N5, 000 from him before sighting their target who was just returning from the bathroom.

The eyewitness said immediately the victim came out from the bathroom, one of the robbers recognised him and demanded the money.

He added that Usman told the thieves that the money in question was not in his custody and this infuriated the robbers, who instantly shot Usman twice and fled the area.

The elder brother of the deceased told our correspondent that he suspected that an insider was giving the robbers information about his family as no fewer than four of them had been attacked at their personal residences causing them sorrow, pain and grief.

He added that within two months, four bureaux de change operators were attacked in similar situation, adding that the latest attack on his brother would mean the end of business for Hausa men operating bureaux de change outlets in Ijebu Ode.

It was gathered that the deceased, who earlier identified one of the robbers, could not give the name before he died on his way to a private hospital having been rejected at the state hospital where medical personnel were on strike.

The Ijebu Divisional Police Area Commander, Mr. Oyedokun Omolodun, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Tuesday.

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