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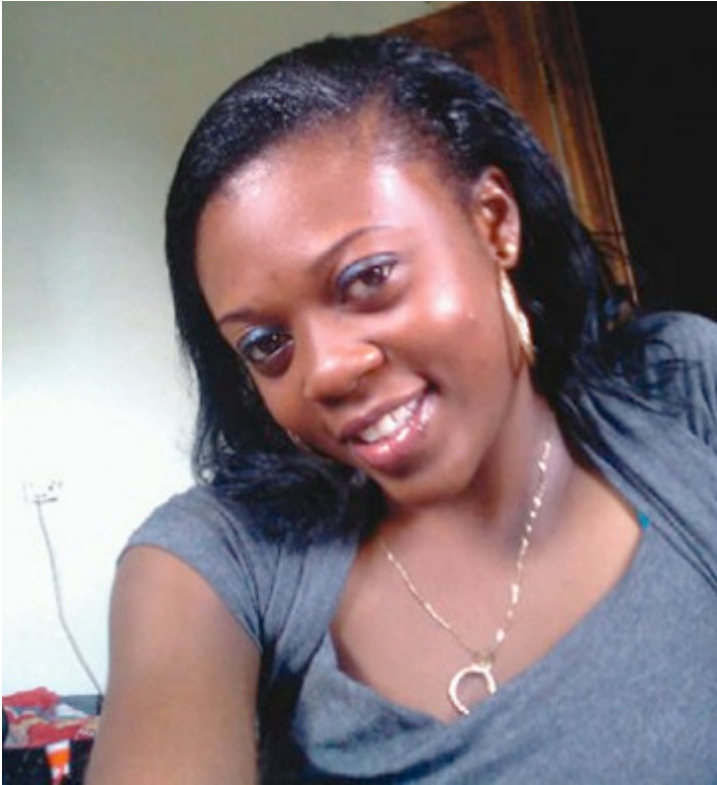


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A female banker with the United Bank for Africa, Damilola Sowemimo, was on Sunday killed by two gunmen operating on a motorcycle.

Metro learnt that Sowemimo, 25, was killed while going to church in the morning. It was also learnt that she was killed in front of her parent's house at 1, Agbor Close, Isolo Way, Ajao Estate.

A friend of the deceased, Tosin Adeboye, told our correspondent that the gunmen came on a commercial motorcycle.

She said, "On Sunday morning, Damilola (Sowemimo) was going to church. Her friends had parked on the other side of the road and she was attempting to cross when two men on a motorcycle appeared from nowhere.

"The bandits came down from the bike, snatched her phone and ransacked her bag. When they did not see any

valuables in her bag, they got angry and shot her in the neck before speeding off.”

It was gathered that the deceased was immediately rushed to a nearby hospital but later gave up the ghost as she bled profusely.

Sowemimo attended Federal Government Girls’ College, Oyo, and later went to Bowen University, Iwo, Osun State, where she studied Microbiology.

The Police Public Relations Officer for the state command, Mr. Joseph Jaiyeoba, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on the telephone, adding that the police had started investigating the case.

He said, “The lady was coming from church when two men on okada accosted her. They stole her telephone and also attempted to snatch her handbag but she engaged them in a struggle and was shot. She was later rushed to a hospital where she died.

“However, her telephone was recovered along the expressway as her assailants were involved in an accident along the expressway. They (assailants) however managed to escape.”

Jaiyeoba maintained that the police had beefed up security in the area so as to prevent a recurrence.

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