

Guard shot dead in Ilorin robbery attack

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A security guard, Mr. Jelili Atiwayejayo, was on Thursday shot dead by armed robbers around Temidire Irewolede Community, Ilorin, Kwara State.

The Vice Chairman of the community, Mr. Vincent Eze, said there was a robbery attack about 3am on Thursday at the upper area of the community. He added that the robbers fled after being overpowered by some member of the community.

According to him, Atiwayejayo who lived within the area and worked at Odota was later in the morning found dead, with blood oozing from his nose while his body and head were riddled with bullets.

Atiwayejayo, an indigene of Ibadan, Oyo State, was married and had two children. He was buried on Thursday.

Eze said that the incident was reported at B Police Division, Surulere, Ilorin.

The Kwara State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ezekiel Dabo said he had yet to be briefed about the incident.

Meanwhile, a 10-man armed robbery gang has been smashed by the Osun State Police Command.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mrs. Kalafite Adeyemi, paraded the suspects at the police headquarters on Thursday, in Osogbo.

She said the suspects had snatched five vehicles that included a Volkswagen Golf, two Audi cars, one Mazda and a Toyota Camry in separate operations in Ife on April 20, 2012.

The suspects are Adewunmi Adebola, Saheed Usman, Adeyemi Atobajehun, Tayo Olufemi, Jimoh Nuru, Aliu Popoopla, Samson Bangbola, Tajul Oladepo, Kingsley Adebayo and Jemilu Aliu.

Adeyemi said the robbers, who split into three gangs, also robbed an "NNPC filling station along Ondo Road, Ile-Ife, of N420, 000, moving to another filling station named Timolade located at Ikirun, where they carted away N100, 000.00."