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Ayodele Adefiwaju

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Some gunmen have invaded the Odogunyan, Ikorodu area of Lagos killing a carpenter, Ayodele Adefiwaju, and another man, Ogunsanya Lateef, during the attack.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the gunmen, suspected to be cultists, came to Market Street, Odogunyan, where Adefiwaju lived, at midnight and shot him dead.

Not done, they were said to have proceeded to neighbouring Olaleye Street, and also attacked Lateef, who was in bed with his wife, dragging him outside the house and stabbing him to death.

While Ayodele's age had yet to be ascertained, Lateef was said to be 34 years old.

Our correspondent learnt that the attack, which occurred on Tuesday, April 7, was reported to the Sagamu Road Police Division.

It was gathered that the gunmen, who reportedly wore masks, escaped and had yet to be apprehended by the police.

Wife of the deceased carpenter, Adeola, told the police in her statement that the gunmen never uttered a word while carrying out the attack.

She said, "The attackers had guns and other weapons. They looked like cultists. It was in the midnight. The men came into our apartment and dragged my husband outside the house, where they shot him and left him in a pool of blood.

"We were formerly staying in the Ogijo area of Ogun State, but as a result of cult activities, we moved to Odogunyan. Still, they trailed him to that area. He is not a cultist. I don't know why they came for him."

A relative of Lateef, identified simply as Sidikat, who was interrogated by the police, said the deceased fought his assailants, adding that the gang eventually got the upper hand, and stabbed him several times.

She said, "When they came, we initially thought they were armed robbers. They dragged Lateef out and brought him into the living room.

"He tried to free himself. They then began to stab him on the head.

"Lateef asked them what he did, but they did not say anything.

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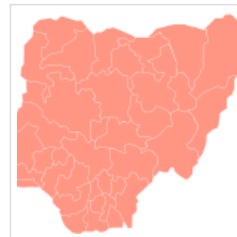


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"They were three men, and they wore masks."

Our correspondent learnt from a police source that the area had been under incessant cultist attacks.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Kenneth Nwosu, could not be reached for comment.

Also, a text message sent to his phone had yet to be replied to as of press time.

A police source, however, told *PUNCH Metro* that the matter had been transferred to the State Department of Criminal Investigations, Yaba.

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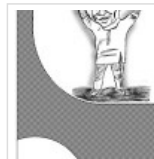
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