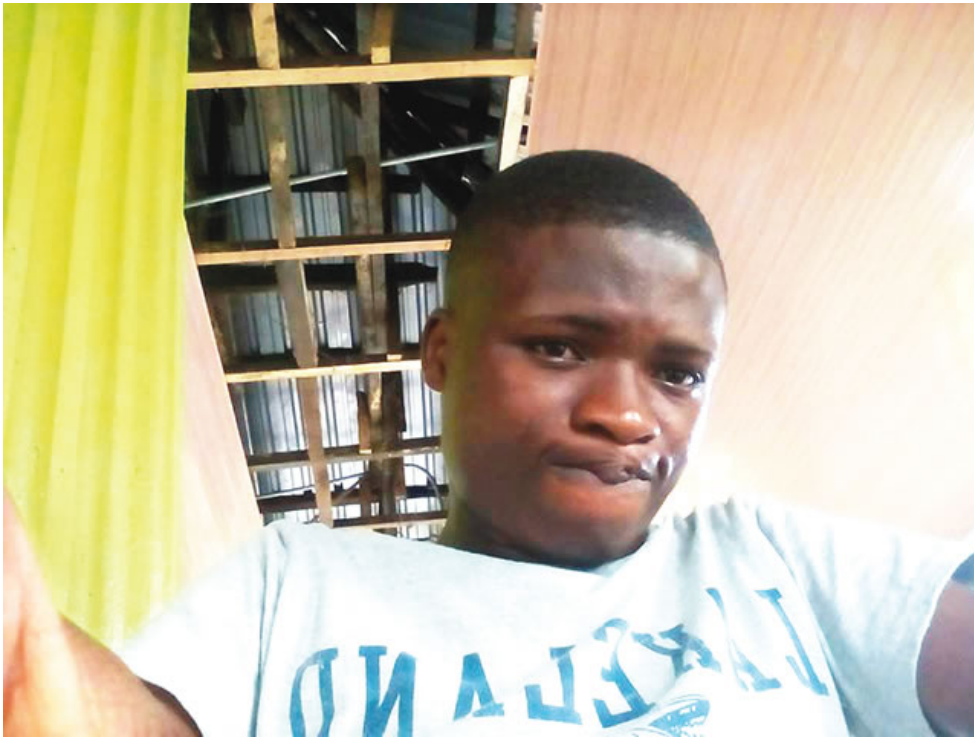


Fashion designer slumps, dies, community mobs suspected killer

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Lukmon Shotunde

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There was chaos on Sunday on Orobiji Street, in the Alagbado area of Lagos State after a 22-year-old fashion designer, Lukmon Shotunde, slumped and died.

Community youths were said to have attacked one Taofeek Sodiq, who had a disagreement with the victim earlier that day.

The youths were about lynching the suspect when policemen from the Alagbado division rescued him.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the suspect had sent his son on an

errand with N500.

The 10-year-old was said to have been defrauded by a man who sat in the front of Shotunde's locked shop.

The boy's father reportedly accused Shotunde of colluding with the fraudster, insisting on getting back the N500.

Sodiq, in the heat of argument, allegedly told the deceased, "You will not live to open your shop tomorrow, if my money is not returned."

A resident, Owolabi Daod, explained that within three hours, the victim slumped and died.

He said, "Around 10am on Sunday, a man sat in the front of Lukmon's shop. Another man, who lives in the community, sent his 10-year-old son on an errand with N500.

"But the man in the front of Lukmon's shop called the boy and asked him to bring the N500 that he would double it for him. The boy foolishly gave him the money and the man absconded.

"A resident, who saw the boy sitting in front of the shop, asked him what he was waiting for. It was at that point the boy knew he had been scammed."

Daod said the boy's father, upon learning the news, confronted Shotunde and accused him of colluding with the fraudster.

The 22-year-old, who denied the allegation, reportedly asked for a description of the fraudster.

He was said to have called one of his friends who fitted the boy's description; but the boy said he was not the one.

The boy's father reportedly resorted to threats, insisting that he

must recover the money.

"The man came out with a friend and said if he didn't get his money back, Lukmon will not live to open his shop the next day. We thought it was all over.

"Lukmon was walking back to his shop when he suddenly collapsed. We rushed him to a private hospital where he was confirmed dead," Daod added.

PUNCH Metro gathered that residents trooped to the suspect's house and dragged him out.

They were said to have beaten him and were about lynching him when the matter was reported at the police station.

"The police prevented jungle justice yesterday (Sunday). A police team had to stay in the community for more than six hours," a source said.