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Ibadan gunmen kill businessman in wife, daughter's presence

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Gunmen have killed an Ado-Ekiti-based businessman, Ifedayo Oladele Adeyemo, in Ibadan in the presence of his daughter and wife.

Public Relations Officer of the Oyo State Police Command, Adekunle Ajisebutu, told our correspondent that the case was being treated as armed robbery.

“I cannot say much on the case now because we are still investigating. It looks like an armed robbery case because N30,000 was forcefully taken from a woman in the car. The Commissioner of Police in the state, Abiodun Odude, has directed discreet investigation into the crime and we shall not rest until we get to the root of the matter,” Ajisebutu said.

Sister of the deceased, Nike, told *SUNDAY PUNCH* that her brother had left Ado-Ekiti on Monday to attend a social function in Ibadan the following day.

According to her, Adeyemo, who was returning from the function in his car, was stopped by his killers who shot him several times at close range.

“On the day he left Ado-Ekiti, our mother asked him why he had to travel to Ibadan with his family. He told her that he had some business to take care of in the city. Moreover, he has a house in Ibadan. He travelled with his wife, daughter, sister-in-law and a friend who is usually referred to as his personal assistant.

“From what I learnt, they were coming from the party around 9pm on Tuesday, June 6, when his car was stopped by some men. As he was demanding their identity and why they came after him, he was shot and killed. The killers then drove away his car with other occupants while the corpse was left at the scene,” Nike stated.

She further said, “When they got to a location on Lagos-Ibadan Expressway, they stopped and left them (other occupants in the car) there. They did not take away the car. They just told the people left in the car that they had achieved their aim. So, it was like an assassination.”

Adeyemo's sister also revealed that her brother had poultry in Ado-Ekiti where he resided with his family.

The father of the deceased, *SUNDAY PUNCH* learnt, lived abroad.

Asked why her brother was referred to as ‘Olowo Dubai’ (rich man of Dubai) by friends, Nike said he had travelled to Dubai sometime ago with his family on vacation for a month.

“They finally killed him (Adeyemo). They killed my one and only brother that knows when I am sad and when I am happy. Who am I going to call ‘Brother Dayo? Death, why my brother?’” the deceased's sister wrote on her Facebook page.

Some of those who commented on the death of the businessman on social media claimed it was a clear case of assassination. Most of them said the deceased was rich and popular in social circles, and that he helped many people who approached him for financial assistance.

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