

Gunmen kill 28-year-old Lagos

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...residents lament incessant attacks

Oluwaseun David, a 28-year-old resident of Babs Ladipo Street, New Oko-Oba, Lagos State, was the ideal child any family would desire — passionate, intelligent, hard-working and admirable.

Sadly, the graduate of Yaba College of Technology left behind those sterling qualities last Sunday when some armed robbers attacked his mother's shop in front of their residence and shot him dead.

Saturday PUNCH learnt that the three-man robbery gang on a motorcycle stormed the street around 9pm that evening during a downpour, which kept most people indoors.

It was gathered that David's mother, who sells confectionery, was packing loaves of bread into the shop when two of the robbers came down from the bike and confronted her.

They were said to have dispossessed her of all she had made from her sales for the day.

During the incident, a relative of the woman who was around the shop reportedly rushed into the compound to alert the residents.

David, popularly known as *Theogas*, was said to have rushed out to know if her mother was safe when one of the assailants shot him in the neck and fled the scene.

He gave up the ghost while being taken to Agege-Orile General Hospital, Lagos. The grief that trailed the tragic

"We celebrate your life, Oluwaseun Theophilus David (*Theogas*)," hung in front of the shop in memory of the late engineer.

David's younger sister, Blessing, who spoke on behalf of her distraught parents, said the incident had dealt a devastating blow to the family.

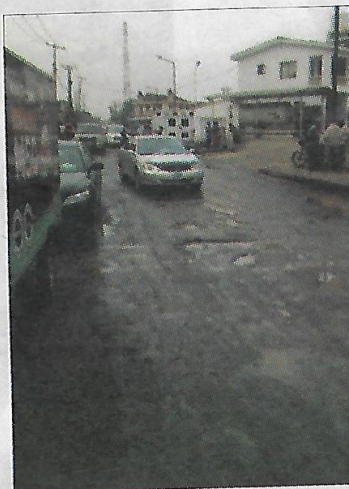
She said David might have survived if he had been given prompt medical attention, noting that he was rejected in the first private hospital he was taken to because the doctor was not around.

She said, "Around 9pm last Sunday, some robbers attacked my mother in her shop and took away all she had made from her sales at gunpoint. She sells bread, recharge cards and drinks. It was raining heavily and she was packing bread into the shop when the robbers came.

"They were three in number and they came on a motorcycle. Two of them followed my mum into the shop. They checked different spots she kept her money within the shop and emptied everything. It was like they already knew where she kept her money.

"There was no resistance. One of my cousins with her at the shop ran into the compound, shouting 'thief, thief!' My brother (David) rushed downstairs. As he was about to go out of the gate, one of the robbers shot him in the neck.

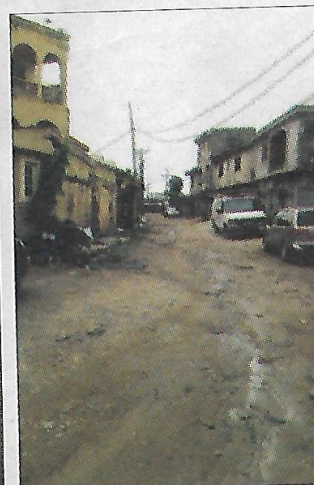
"We took him to two private hospitals which rejected him. We were told in



•Babs Ladipo Street

died on the way there."

Blessing described Seun as a promising and intelligent youth, noting that his death was a huge loss to the family.



•Sam Fakayode close

"He was a graduate of electrical engineering. People contracted him for electrical installations and he ran a gas station called *Theogas*," she added.



•David

David's neighbour, Mrs. Oladeji, spoke in tears while lamenting how she would

12 pregnant women, 10 babies rescued from Libya

Maureen Ihua-Maduenyi

The National Emergency Management Agency on

pregnant women and 148 others from Libya.

The 161 returnees comprising 147 adults, four children and 10 infants

for Migration, a United Nations migration agency.

NEMA said the first group arrived at the cargo terminal in Lagos.