

Widow accuses police of indifference kill 20-year-old

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WHEN Emmanuel Omuta had his mother goodbye while leaving for a vigil last Friday, little did they know they were exchanging their last pleasantries.

The 20-year-old was

reportedly killed by suspected robbers, who made away with his laptop in the Agbado crossing area of Ogun State while he was returning from

the vigil in the early hours of Saturday, November 24, 2018.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Emmanuel was killed a walking distance away from a police station.

It was alleged that despite the victim's cry for help, the police failed to rescue him.

Speaking to our correspondent on the telephone, the distraught mother of the deceased, Christiana Omuta, said despite the fact that the incident was reported to the police, they had not done anything about it.

The mother of five stated, "My son worked as a projector operator and he was always invited to churches. On Friday, he told me that he was going for a vigil. On his way back from the vigil around 6am on Saturday, he was attacked by some criminals. He was trying to protect his laptop, so he was stabbed.

"In the morning, when his brother was going out, he saw his brother's corpse beside the road. He immediately ran home to inform me. By the time I got there, I realised that he was the one.

"The puzzling part of the whole story is that a police

station is just three minutes' walk to the place where he was attacked by the criminals and despite the fact that the incident has been reported, the police have neither made any arrest nor done anything about it."

The widowed mother said she had yet to recover from the grief of losing her husband, adding that the

death of her son had left her empty.

"He (Emmanuel) was my third child but he was very close to my heart. As I speak to you, my spirit is still with him. If not because of the support of the church, I probably would have died because I have yet to move from the death of their father. I can only be at peace when



Emmanuel

Photo: Family

Generator fumes kill three family members in Osogbo

Bola Bamigboye, Osogbo

THREE members of a family residing at the Olorinsoke Compound, Osogbo, Ogun State, were found dead in their home in the early hours of Thursday.

Although their death was blamed on many factors, including the fact that the late Samuel had a torch in his hand when security men gained access to his apartment, adding that she must have slumped while heading towards the direction of the kitchen, where a generator was kept.

Others found dead in the apartment located on the ground floor of a storey building behind the Osogbo Central Mosque apart from Samuel, were his daughter, Abigail, and



Generators

Photo: File

"Samuel was found almost naked and she was confirmed dead at LAUTECH. Two others were dead too. But Jumo, the eldest daughter of the deceased, who came around with her two children last weekend, was rescued at LAUTECH and has been rushed to the GAUTH, Ile-Ife.

The only person not affected by the fumes was a four-month-old granddaughter of the deceased. She was taken away by neighbours as the corpses of the others were being evacuated."

Samuel, said to be an indigene of Ekiti State, was married to another policeman from Kogi State and served at the Works Department of the Ogun State Police Command until her death.

The remains of the deceased were deposited in the morgue of LAUTECH, Osogbo.

The Police Public Relations Officer for the Ogun State Command, Folasade Odoro, said carbon monoxide emission from a generator was "reasonably suspected to have been the cause of the death."

Oluwatosi Omojuyigbe

Suspected criminals

Some suspected members of a cult group of the Oyo Polytechnic, Ondo State, on Thursday killed a student of the institution simply identified as Aljabe.

PUNCH Metro learnt that Aljabe,

an ND I student in the Department of Public Administration, was around Agos when he was killed. It was gathered that the suspects were the ones who lived when they heard that

as robbers son

holdings to tell us that the boy should have left his laptop for the hoodlums since he was alone.

"Some people in the area told us that the criminals already marked their own territory, which the police could not infiltrate. Some said the criminals are popularly called 'Onu Federal' in that Agbado Station area."

When the Ogun State Police Public Relations Officer, Abimbola Oyejemi,

was contacted, he said the allegation was baseless, adding that investigation must be made before any arrest could be effected.

Oyejemi said, "The people who are accusing the police, were they there when the boy was being attacked and the police did not come there? The police were not there when the incident happened. If they say the attackers are known criminals, they should reveal their identities to the police."

"The people are not the ones who will determine when an arrest will be made. The police cannot make indiscriminate arrests. We will have to use every means available, both tactical and human intelligence, to make sure that the culprits are arrested and to ensure that innocent people are not arrested."

During our interaction with the police, we found out that the police officers heard the cry of the boy for help but they refused to help him. One of the policemen had the