

Ekiti mob kill carpenter mistaken for robber

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A 45-year-old carpenter, Mr Olufalayi Obadare, has been killed by an angry mob, who mistook him for a robber at the Olujoda area of Ado Ekiti, the Ekiti State capital.

Sources said some youths, who saw the carpenter allegedly moving around the neighbourhood in a suspicious manner around 5pm, mistook him for one of the robbers troubling the area, descended on him and attacked him with weapons till he lost consciousness and passed away.

Olufalayi's wife, Yemi, who said the father of three left their Ilawe Road, Ado Ekiti residence on Tuesday for the Olujoda area in a bid to execute a job for a customer, lamented that it was wrong for the youth to have taken him for a robber without any evidence.

The wife, who urged the police not to leave any stone unturned in apprehending the culprits and ensuring justice in the matter, stated, “My husband told me that he was going to Olujoda for a job.

“I was really surprised when I heard that he was killed because he was wandering around. The question to ask is, did the youth see any weapon on him? Why didn’t they take him to the person, who contracted him for the job in order to ascertain his identity?

“This is gross injustice and the perpetrators must be brought to justice.”

One of Olufalayi’s relatives, Mrs Omowumi Idowu, also called for justice, saying, “I initially had the impression that he died of malaria because he complained of it a few days back, but I was shocked to hear that he was beaten to death by some people.

“When we spoke on the telephone, he informed me that he was going for a job in the Olujoda area on the day of the incident without knowing that that would be the last time I would speak to him.”

Idowu called on the state police command to get to the root of the incident and bring the perpetrators to justice.

The Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr Sunday Abutu, confirmed the incident on Thursday, adding that investigation had commenced into the matter.

Abutu, who said the remains of the deceased had been deposited in the morgue, added that some suspects had been apprehended in connection with the incident.