

*Police begin probe as gunmen kill rating in Lagos

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THE Lagos State Police Command has said an investigation had commenced to track down the killers of a naval rating in the Ajeromi-Ifelodun Local Government Area of the state on Sunday.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the rating, who until his

death was serving at the Lagos Logistics Depot of the Navy, was shot dead by gunmen in the community.

The rating was said to be alone when the suspects perpetrated the crime.

Our correspondent learnt that the colleagues had been threatening to avenge his death, a development which had thrown residents and business owners

operating in the community into a panic.

It was learnt that the rating's corpse had been deposited at the Nigerian Navy Hospital morgue in Ojo.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, SP Benjamin Hundeyin, who spoke to our correspondent on Monday, urged people in the community to go about their normal activities

without fear, adding that a joint operation involving the Lagos State Police Command and the Nigerian Navy had commenced to track down the suspects.

Hundeyin said, "We have started an investigation but there has been no arrest yet. The naval authorities are aware and we are working together to unravel the circumstances that led to the shooting."