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## Gunmen kill Lagos motorcycle rider

**SUSPECTED** gunmen have killed a 40-year-old motorcycle rider identified simply as Muhideen in the Igando area of Lagos State.

**PUNCH Metro** learnt that the incident happened last Friday.

The deceased was said to have received a call from an unknown client who requested his service around the area at about 8pm. He, however, left for the location but did not return home that night.

Efforts to reach him since then

proved abortive as several calls made to his phone didn't go through.

His friend, Taofeek Adewale, who spoke to **PUNCH Metro** on Wednesday, said a search party was launched to locate his whereabouts, after which his bike was found at the location the following day.

He said, "Someone called him on the phone that night and asked him to come and pick him up around Alhaji Ede along Isheri Igando Road and

he left home to meet the person. Shamsideen often worked very late at night, because he carried most of these people who go to clubs and whenever he was done, he returned early in the morning. Since he did not return as expected, we called his phone and it did not go through. That was when we became worried and reached out to his family members. Then, we went to the area where he told us he was going. After searching and asking around, we found his motorcycle.

That was when we went to the police station to make a report."

It was gathered that the deceased parted ways with his wife some years ago and had been responsible for the upkeep of their four children.

Taofeek said, "Since his wife left him, he had been taking care of his four children from the money he made from the transport business. He also took two of his children to learn apprenticeship. Whenever they needed money, they would come to our park here

and wait for him and he gave them money to eat."

Our correspondent later learnt that the corpse of the deceased was found in the morgue at the Mainland Hospital Yaba.

One of the family members who craved not to be mentioned due to the nature of the incident told our correspondent that efforts to locate his whereabouts dead or alive led them to the mortuary.

He said, "We have recovered his corpse from the mortuary in Yaba General Hospital. We took

his picture there and we were told that his corpse was found somewhere around the state and brought to the facility. We learnt that he was killed at the location where he was called to pick a passenger and his body was taken away. His remains have been buried in his hometown in Iseyin, Oyo State."

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, said he was unaware of the incident.

"I am not aware. I will get back to you once I am briefed about it," he said.