

# PoS operator agent shot dead in Ogun

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| Gunmen

Some gunmen suspected to be armed robbers have reportedly killed a Point of Sale operator in the Oke-Lantoro area of Abeokuta, Ogun State capital on Sunday.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered from a source who pleaded anonymity because of the sensitivity of the matter that the incident happened at about 7 pm when the gunmen stormed the area on a motorcycle, shot sporadically and at the lotto agent who died on the spot.

The incident was said to have caused panic among residents of the area who scampered for safety.

The source said, “One person was shot in the Oke-Lantoro area on Sunday. The men who were armed with guns came on a motorcycle and shot sporadically in the air, and before we realised what was happening, they shot at the lotto agent.

“There was tension as people were scampering for safety so as not to be caught in the incident.”

The source, however, added that the intervention of the police brought the situation to calm.

Confirming the incident to our correspondent in a telephone conversation on Monday, the spokesperson for the Ogun State Police Command, SP Omolola Odutola, noted that the incident was a suspected case of robbery and not cult clashes as speculated.

She identified the victim as one Mutiu Salako who was shot by two armed men during the attack.

She said, “The incident happened, but it was a suspected case of armed robbery, not cult clash as speculated by some persons.

“Two armed men were reported to have stormed the area in a motorcycle and shot at the PoS operator who was in his shop in the area.”

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The police spokesperson added that a manhunt had been launched for the fleeing suspects while vowing that the police would do everything to ensure they were brought to justice.

“What we want the good people of Ogun State to know is that suspects can only run but can not hide. We will do everything possible to bring them to justice.

“The CP, Abiodun Alamutu, is committed to making the state unbearable and unlovable for criminal elements who are bent on truncating the peace of the state,” Odutola noted.

*PUNCH Metro* reported on April 22 that about eight gunmen dressed in black invaded Ajadeh Event Centre in Iperu Remo along Sagamu road, killing a lecturer from Babcock University, Ilisan Remo, Yinka Olowojobi, while two others were equally abducted during the invasion.

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The incident, according to Odutola, happened on Friday, April 19 at about 9:20 pm.

The gunmen were said to have shot Olowojobi in the chest after allegedly resisting to go with them.

The slain Babcock University lecturer alongside one Dare and another person yet to be identified who were abducted were said to be relaxing in the lounge of the event centre when these daredevil gang struck.

Odutola, however, said that the police had arrested one Awada Ishaya from Plateau State as a suspect in the act.

Ishaya was said to have just been employed two weeks ago as a security guard when the event centre was opened.