

Ex-worker, accomplice kill Lagos bizman, steal N3.2m



•Usman

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A businessman, Ali Usman, has been killed by his ex-employee, identified simply as Zubar, and an accomplice, one Rasag, in the Agbowa Ikosi community in the Epe Local Government Area of Lagos State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that Usman, an indigene of Kwara State, was riding his motorcycle with his son, Sobur, on it when Zubar and Rasag ambushed them at a desolate location close to his residence around

the General Hospital area in Agbowa Ikosi.

During the ambush, our correspondent learnt that the suspects used sticks to repeatedly hit Usman's head till he lost consciousness at the scene of the attack.

Thereafter, the suspects left Usman's five-year-old son unharmed, dispossessed the businessman of his valuables, including the N3.2m found on him and fled the scene.

Usman's neighbour, Moshood Sharafadeen, while lamenting over that tragedy, said Sobur, after witnessing the attack, quickly ran home to alert their family members.

In a bid to rescue the 47-year-old victim, Sharafadeen said family members rushed him to the General Hospital in the community, adding that Usman succumbed to his injuries at the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital where he was referred to a few days after the attack.

Sharafadeen in an interview with PUNCH Metro said, "The incident happened on May 20, 2024. He was a businessman who dealt in selling meat. On that fateful day, after he finished his work for the day, he closed and was with his child. They both mounted his motorcycle and as he was riding home, they were approaching their destination when Zubar and his friend, Rasag, ambushed them.

"Both of them used sticks to bang his head till he fainted. They quickly stole his valuables, including money, about N3.2m and fled without attacking his child. It was the child who ran home to inform his family members that he was attacked and how we got to know the stolen money was up to N3.2m was when we spoke to his workers. They confirmed counting the money before he left for his house on the day he was attacked.

"So, he was rushed to the General Hospital, Agbowa Ikosi, and from there, he was referred to the Ikorodu General Hospital but there was no bed space and from there, he was referred to the LASUTH, where he died while receiving treatment."

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body in collaboration with the police, he stated that a situation where an arrested suspect dies in detention, especially in the said circumstances left much to be desired.

He stated, "We visited the market where the deceased carried out his business to have firsthand information because one of our subjects, an Igbo son, was murdered by the Nigeria Police men in Rivers State.

"So, we came to interface with the people, the spare parts dealers in Port Harcourt where he operated his business, the Igbo community and the family of the deceased. From our observation, we discovered that with the kind of business the deceased was into, I don't think he had a history of crime."

Continuing, Eze Nwokolo, said, "You cannot just allege that the deceased was a kidnapper because you had personal problems with the man. Taking a personal vendetta is not tantamount to the person being tagged as a kidnapper.

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