

# Family laments delay in arrest of Ogun bizman' killers

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Late Alade. Photo: Family

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The family of an Ogun State-based businessman, Ademola Alade, who was stabbed to death by yet-to-be-identified assailants, has lamented the delay in bringing the perpetrators to justice.

PUNCH Metro had reported in July that Alade was stabbed to death by unknown assailants while entering his apartment located in Ibafo.

His lifeless body was discovered by neighbours who observed that they had not seen him. The assailants were also said to have fled in his vehicle.

When our correspondent reached out to the spokesperson for the Ogun State Police Command, Omolola Odutola, in July, she said she had yet to receive any brief on the incident.

But speaking with our correspondent in a telephone interview on Sunday, the brother of the deceased, Oluseye Alade, lamented that the police had yet to identify or apprehend the killers of his brother.

“We have yet to get any update from the police. As we speak, we have not heard anything from them. Each time I call them, they say they have not got anything,” Alade said.

He explained that the assailants made away with the deceased’s car and two phones, and that his WhatsApp number was still active.

He further explained that they had provided the necessary information to the police to aid the investigation.

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Alade said, “My brother was murdered on a Wednesday night, and the second line that he used for WhatsApp was still available at that time because it was showing online.

“One of my brothers called the number, and someone picked up the call. My brother told him that he wanted to talk to the owner of the phone. The person who picked kept insisting that he was the owner of the phone.”

When contacted for a follow-up on Monday, Odutola said the investigation was still ongoing.

“The case is under investigation,” she said.

Alade’s case has joined the growing number of individuals killed in suspicious circumstances by unidentified individuals.

In November 2023, some masked gunmen gunned down the Ogun State Finance Director, Taiwo Oyekanmi, while returning from the bank where he had taken a bullion van to withdraw some funds for the state.

Oyekanmi was rushed to the state hospital, Ijaye, where he was pronounced dead.

These delays in the arrest and prosecution of perpetrators have often put pressure on families of victims who seek justice for their loved ones.