

'Area Boys' Kill Welder, Injure 3

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Awelder, identified as Baba Musbau, popularly called Born Four has been beaten to death by area boys at Opeloyeru Street, Onipanu, Lagos. Three of his workers were also injured by the street urchins.

P.M. News investigations revealed that the incident happened around 12.15p.m. when an eight-man gang fully armed with dangerous weapons invaded the workshop of the deceased at 3, Opeloyeru Street, demanding money he allegedly collected from a contract.

Speaking with P.M. News, one of the injured workers, who did not want his name in print said: "We don't know where these boys got the information that we've collected money for a contract close to N1.8m. This morning (yesterday), they came

in full force, demanding money.

"When my boss refused to give them the money, they started beating him, which led to his death."

P.M. News gathered that the deceased was beaten with a charm by the assailants while the workers were injured for making attempt to protect their

master.

A resident of the area, who identified himself as Alhaji Sulaiman, told P.M. News that the murderers had been making the area uncomfortable for residents. Narrating his experience, he said: "These boys would attack innocent people coming from their offices at night, dis-

possessing them of their valuables. They use the uncompleted building as their hiding place after they have committed the act."

Investigations revealed further that three of the murderers were arrested by anti-robbery squad from Ilupeju Police Station while others are now at large.

•Two of the alleged murderers after they were saved by policemen from being lynched.

