

Robbers Kill Man During Daring Operation

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Armed robbers last night shot dead an unidentified middle-aged man during a daring robbery operation in Ketu area of Kosofe Local Government.

The incident took place at about 10 p.m. in front of Total Filling Station along Demurin Street in Ketu.

There were conflicting reports about the incident. While some residents claimed that the robbers stormed the area to snatch a brand new Honda car, others said they were robbing commuters

and fired some shots, one of which killed the young man.

A photograph taken by *P.M. News* five minutes after the incident showed blood gushing from the man's body in front of a commuter bus.

Hours after the robbery operation, neither the Special Anti-Robbery Squad, SARS, nor the Rapid Response, Squad, RRS, arrived the scene of the incident.

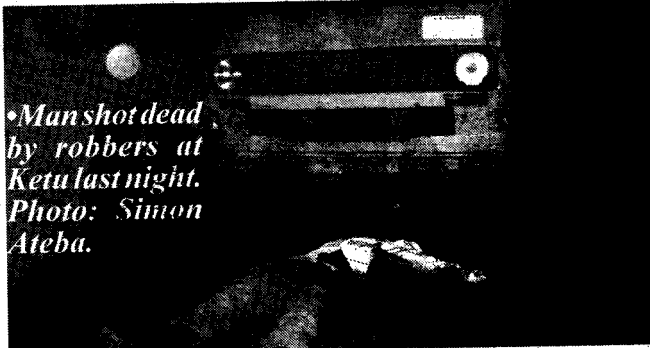
The intelligence unit of Ketu Police Station was not aware of the incident as at last night. This morning, they still claimed they knew nothing about the victim or the robbery.

As the *P.M. News* reporter took shots of the victim minutes after the robbery, some residents in the area thought he was crazy. Less than five minutes after the operation, the ever busy street was deserted as residents fled to save their lives.

While some residents simply turned back, others ducked to avoid being hit by stray bullets. It took at least 45 minutes before the situation returned to normal.

A resident, Mr. Oni, wondered why each time there is a robbery operation in the area the police are never around.

Members of the Odua People's Congress, OPC, a group that on its own combats armed robbery in the state, was also not at the scene of the incident.



•Man shot dead by robbers at Ketu last night.
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