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Robbery Kingpin Shot Dead

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he plot by a robbery gang to rob a businesswoman, Mrs. Nimota Kareem a.k.a Iya Mulikat at her residence in Ipokia local government, Ogun State was over turned by divine intervention when a member of the gang mistakenly shot and killed their leader, simply identified as Idowu at the back of her house.

Hovosu Tosin Avodewu, 27, a member of the six-man robbery gang returned to his residence at 12, Labinjo Street, Mushin, Lagos State. He is a native of Ilufe near Ipokia and he visits the village often.

He was tricked by his people to come home for a ceremony four months after the incident.

The vigilante group in the area had insisted that Tosin should be produced to answer questions on the failed robbery attack in which he was a suspect.

Tosin arrived his village (Ilufe) promptly and he was handed over to the vigilante group who took him to their base at Idosemo also in Ipokia council area where he made confessional statements that he was part of the robbery gang that planned to attack lya Mulikat.

"I was part of the six-man robbery gang that wanted to rob Iya Mulikat (Mrs. Nimota Kareem) at her house in Idosa,"

he reportedly confessed.

He continued, "we were six in number, three of us were armed with pistols. We decided to have a short prayer while at the back of lya Mulikat's house that God should lead us to have a successful operation but suddenly, one of us mistakenly pulled the trigger of his pistol and the bullet went straight into Idowu's head, he slumped and died immediately. We all took to our heels to avoid being arrested or linked witheither the death of Idowu or the failed robbery attack."

"Idowu lured me into robbery and my first outing with him was the one that claimed his life. I cannot say anything about the whereabouts of the other four boys as we all fled in different directions. I know the game is over for me and I pray for forgiveness," Tosin pleaded.

Mrs. Nimota Kareem, a.k.a lya Mulikat, the lucky woman wondered why someone or some people should be after her life or her properties as she claimed to have been kind to everyone both young and old, male and female.

She attributed the evil that was averted on her to the mercy and kindness of the Almighty God.

Meanwhile, Tosin had been charged to the magistrate's court, Ipokia by the police and he was ordered to be remanded at Ilaro prisons by the court pending the arrival of the Director of Public Prosecution's (DPP's) advice.