

# Robbers Kill Man, Maim Wife, Son Hospitalised

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Residents of Alade Olowosokedile Community in Iju on Tuesday had a foretaste of hell yesterday when a gang of eight robbers stormed the community and operated in three streets unchecked. The young men from the underworld killed a man in his sixties and injured his wife and son.

During the raid which was about the 13<sup>th</sup> in ten weeks, the robbers who stormed the community at about 1:12 a.m. reportedly broke through the gate of the residence of Mr. Ayodele Daramola, at 3, Iyabo Williams Street. They first attacked his son Tunde who was dispossessed of his wallet containing more than N3000.

According to the residents, the robbers afterwards moved to the old man's bedroom and

manhandled him. Tunde, who could not bear the beating of his father by the robbers, attacked one of them.

This was said to have irked the members of the gang who started shooting.

Mr. Daramola had to run to the toilet to hide but the robbers chased him and shot him through the window. Mrs. Daramola was shot close to her ear and Tunde was shot in the buttocks.

Mr. Daramola died while he was being taken to the hospital by neighbours while his wife and son were said to be admitted in the Intensive Care Unit of the Lagos University Teaching Hospital (LUTH), Idi-Araba.

Daramola's corpse has been taken to the mortuary of the Lagos State University Teaching Hospital (LASUTH), Ikeja.

When *P.M. News* visited the house yesterday, the blood

stains of the victims in their toilet were seen as well as shattered glasses. The rooms in the house were still in disarray.

Apart from the Daramolas' residence, the robbers operated in four other buildings. People were robbed of money and other valuables.

A resident told *P.M. NEWS* that he called the Rapid Response Squad of the Lagos State Police Command but they did not respond on time. *P.M. NEWS* learnt that they only came more than two hours after the robbers had left.

"Whenever robbers operate and we call the police they always come too late," lamented a resident.

The residents also complained that the police post in their community is understaffed and that the officers have not been able to help them even though the place was built by

the community.

Members of the community have therefore appealed to the authorities to ensure that the numerical strength of the staff in the police post be increased.

## Police Demote

eral occasions advised motorists to subject themselves to police search but refuse to give any form of bribe to the police, even when demanded.

"Policemen are paid their salaries as at when due; they should not be seen to be extorting the people they are supposed to protect," he said.

On the crime rate in the state this festive period, Amaraizu said except for the communal clash in Udi, all was well.

He said there was no case of armed robbery, kidnapping or