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Robbery syndicate smashed in Osun

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suspected notorious armed robber, who allegedly specialized in highway and bank robbery, was killed in the early hours of Tuesday when the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS), Osun State Police Command, stormed his hide-out in Modakeke and shot him dead.

Abbey, 28, popularly called Iku, which means death, met his waterloo when he was trying to escape arrest by SARS team led by the boss, Mr. Omoyele Adekunle, a Deputy Superintendent.

Crime Watch Today investigations revealed that the late Abbey was the

leader of a six-man gang that terrorized and robbed motorists any time along Ife-Akure Expressway. On several occasions, they even maimed or killed their victims until nemesis caught up with three members of the gang following a tip-off.

Adekunle said the three suspects, Adebanpe 28, a motor mechanic from Ile-Ife, Adepoju, 23 an Okada rider also from Ile-Ife, and Aleke, 27, also an Okada rider from Modakeke, confessed that they, and their gang leader, the late Abbey, killed one Dr Oluwasina Oyesomi who worked for the General Hospital, Ado-Ekiti, on January 30, 2015, along the same Ife-Akure Road while travelling from Ekiti to Ikirun in Osun State. The deceased was on a visit to his family before he was killed by Abbey.