

Robber who killed wife for protecting husband held



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Police have arrested a suspected robber, who pulled the trigger that killed a mother of four, who tried to save her husband at the Iju-Ishaga area of Lagos State. The suspect, Azeez Mustapha alias 'School Boy', confessed to have pulled the trigger which killed the housewife. The state Commissioner of Police, Imohimi Edgal, said yesterday that on January 22, he paraded some suspects – Isah Shobayo and Ogundimu Olalekan –who on January 1, invaded the home of Mr. Joseph Akinbi and held him and his wife, Mrs. Modupe Catherine Akinbi, hostage. He said: “Unfortunately, these daredevil armed robbers shot and killed Mrs. Modupe Catherine Akinbi who came between her husband and the robbers, pleading that they spare her beloved husband. “Meanwhile, at the time of the incident, their children were in the church attending the cross-over service of year 2019.

“When the report of this unfortunate incident reached my office, I directed the command’s Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) operatives to leave no stone unturned in unravelling those who chose the first day of the year to perpetrate the dastardly act. Imbued with the necessary logistics, they immediately arrested two suspects and recovered an expended cartridge, reasonably suspected to have been used in firing the deceased.”

The commissioner added that painstaking investigation, however, led to the arrest of Mustapha and Rasaq Orisunmade aka Akeju (22), on January 27, at an undisclosed hotel in Dopemu area, where they were having a good time. Edgal said that during interrogation, the suspects confessed to being members of the gang which attacked the victim. According to him, Mustapha particularly confessed to have pulled the trigger of the gun that killed the deceased.