

# Robbers raid shop, kill Rev Father

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**L**AGOS—TRAGEDY struck Wednesday at Lekki area of Lagos State when rampaging armed robbers shot dead a popular Catholic Reverend Father attached to SS Philip and James Parish, Reverend Patrick Adegbite.

The incident which shook the Catholic community in the State and beyond took place at about 9.45pm at a popular Shopping plaza in Lekki.

Sources said the Reverend father went to a Pharmacy in the Shopping Plaza at Lekki Peninsular Phase 1 to buy some drugs when he unknowingly, ran into a gang of armed

robbers who were operating there.

He reportedly made frantic efforts to escape from the scene only for him to be accosted by the dare-devils who were armed with sophisticated weapons.

It was gathered that the robbers forcefully took his car keys and as they were about driving off, the Reverend Father said to them "God forgive you all". The robbers who were visibly angered by his pronouncement, came down from the car and shot him at close range on the forehead and drove off leaving him in the pool of blood.

Sources said that Reverend Adegbite died on the spot.