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## Family of Edo robbery victim demands speedy investigation

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**BENIN**—FAMILY of late Pere Leonard Ogei, a nephew of Dr. Ehiogie West-Idahosa, a senatorial aspirant of the Peoples Democratic Party, PDP, in Edo State, who was allegedly killed by armed robbers on the eve of the 2014 senatorial primaries of the party, has appealed to the Inspector General of Police, Mr. Solomon Arase, to order the speedy conclusion of investigations into the case.

It will be recalled that the late Ogei was killed on Aikhionbare Street, Benin, on December 3, 2014 about 120 metres from his residence on his way from the bank where he had gone to withdraw money for the senatorial primaries.

The family, in a petition to the IG through the legal firm of West Idahosa and Co, accused the police of deliberately stalling investigations by the Homicide Department of the Force Criminal Investigations Department, FICD, because of the alleged involvement of a serving police officer in the case.

The petition, by Dr. Ehiogie West-Idahosa, a former member of the House of Representatives, made available to newsmen in Benin, yesterday, appealed to the IG to direct the arraignment of the three suspected robbers for the offence of murder and armed robbery before a competent court of law.

The family also called for the removal of one Supol Richard from the investigating team as it doubts his impartiality and had lost confidence in his headship of the team.

They accused the police officer of leaving them in the dark under the pretext that he was working for the police and as such was not obliged to brief them periodically on the state of investigation just as they said that they have been told that an interim report has been submitted to the Commissioner of Police in charge of Homicide, Mike Ogbodu, by the Supol Richard team.

“The said report has been lying idle on his table for over six weeks,” he said, adding that the family has been worried that since the arrest of a serving police officer, investigations had been stalled despite the huge resources put by them to support the process since December 3, 2014.