

I want justice, father of murdered 24-yr-old boy cries out

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LAGOS—A 55-year-old businessman, Mr. Matthew George-Umaigba, is calling for justice over the murder of his 24-year-old son, Afenghide George, reportedly killed by gunmen on two motorcycles in Surulere area of Lagos.

Speaking with newsmen, he said: "I want justice to be done in this case. His killers are moving freely. I am in pain."

According to him, "on November 25, my son and some friends were drinking in a hotel on Ojuelegba Road, Surulere, Lagos, when the manager of the place accused him of disrespecting him."

"They had an argument and the manager brought out a shot gun and attempted to shoot him. My son pulled up a table to defend himself and then escaped."

"The next day, my son met a gang, who accused him of insulting their god-father, the manager. They had an argument and the gang threatened to deal with him. Later that day, the hotel manager and five other men came to my house to report my son."

George said the following day, while his son was seeing off a friend, two motorcycles carrying two persons each, grabbed his son and shot him.

He said: "They left him in a pool of blood thinking he had died. He was rushed to Lagos University Teaching Hospital, LUTH, with a tricycle."

"The doctors tried to remove the bullets in his body. He was there for seven days before he died on the day he was to celebrate his 24th birthday."

He said the case was reported at Surulere Police Station, where the Crime Officer, one Inspector Salami, invited the manager.

The spokespersons of the Lagos State Police Command, SP Dolapo Badmus, confirmed the story and arrest.

She said the police were on the trail of other members of the gang.