

... as robbers on *okada* shoot POS operator dead in Ondo

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① **AKURE**—A 20-year-old Point of Sales, POS, operator, identified as Adetutu, has been shot dead by robbers at Oke-Ogba area of Akure, the Ondo State capital, and carted away unspecified amount of money from her.

She was shot at a close range by two robbers, who came to her shop on motorcycle at about 7.30p.m. on Wednesday.

② Her killing came less than 24 hours after a worker with a publishing company was equally shot dead during a

robbery operation at the Ajipowo/Ogundipe Estate in Akure, late at night.

The late female POS operator was said to have been shot by one of the two men, who stormed her shop pretending to be customers.

An eyewitness claimed the deceased, who started operating the POS few months ago as she had no job, was attacked by the robbers who might have been monitoring her activities.

The eyewitness said: "The woman and her sales girl were in the shop when the bandits

came on a motorcycle and pretended they wanted to do business with her.

"As they were trying to forcefully collect money from her, she attempted to run out of the shop to call for help, but one of them shot her and collected the money from the shop.

"Upon hearing the sound of gunshots, all the shop owners and residents on the street ran for safety. This gave the robbers the opportunity to escape from the area."

Contacted, the state Police spokesperson, Femi Joseph, who confirmed the incident,

said the command had begun investigation into it.

Speaking on the increase in robbery cases in Akure, Joseph said the command was already working towards stemming the ugly development, saying "we have commenced investigation into the Wednesday robbery and I want to assure you that those criminals would soon be arrested.

"We are re-strategising security. The Commissioner of Police has met all the Divisional Police Officers in the state and I am sure the situation will be brought under control."