

They then stole his car, a Lexus ES 350, number plates YAB 735

short-changed him, when they told him the ransom was N6 million and gave him N450,000.

# Robbers kill man, flee with his N590,000 thrift

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**T**HE Commissioner of Police in Osun State, Abiodun Ige, yesterday said the force was on the trail of the gunmen that killed one Lukman Owoade, a businessman around Oke Ayepe Area of Osogbo.

*Vanguard* gathered that the deceased was a businessman at a sawmill, located at Oke Baale Area, but was killed by gunmen after a meeting at the Ayepe area of the state capital.

The deceased had gone to the meeting to collect thrift since it was his turn and had to wait until the end of proceedings to collect the money.

Sources at the area disclosed that shortly after Owoade was given N590,000, being his contributions to the thrift group, some armed men invaded the venue, shot and inflicted several machete cuts on him.

The deceased was said to have struggled to get to the Osogbo-

Ilesa Road, but collapsed

Contacted, the Commissioner of Police, said on Saturday, September 7, at about 9:30p.m., one Aranse Sikiru reported that while they were having meeting at Oke-Ayepe Area of Osogbo, some gunmen invaded the venue and shot the deceased.

He said: "He (complainant) added that the attackers collected N590,000 from the deceased, being contribution given to him at the meeting.

"Our men visited the crime scene and the victim was taken to Ladoke Akintola University Teaching Hospital, Osogbo, where he was confirmed dead by a doctor and his body was deposited at the hospital's morgue for autopsy."

Ige said the command had intensified effort to apprehend the culprits and assured that the Police operatives were on their trail and would eventually bring them to justice.