

Policeman, 6 others die as hoodlums loot supermarket in Ikotun

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PANDEMONIUM broke out in Ikotun, Alimosho area of Lagos State following the killing of five hoodlums by Mobile Police, Mopol, after attacking a popular supermarket and carting away various items.

Earlier, a Mopol officer and another person believed to be a police informant were allegedly killed by hoodlums in Idimu-Ikotun road, Egbe-Idimu Alimosho Local Council Development Area, LCDA.

According to an eyewitness, Mr Ayo Akinwale, "At about 2 pm some hoodlums who invaded Ikotun Police Station but found no policeman on ground proceeded to a nearby supermarket, called Twins Faja, and looted various items such as computers, households items, wristwatches, foodstuff, among other expensive items.

"While the looters were still

operating, a team of Mobile Policemen, who arrived the scene following a distress call, engaged the looters in gunshots, killing at least five persons, while several others were arrested with gunshot wounds. The bodies and those arrested were later taken away in the police vans to an unknown destination."

When *Vanguard* visited the scene, the shattered glasses and other vandalised items that could not be carted away littered the ground.

It was also gathered that earlier, a mob had lynched a Mopol while walking along the road in College area of Ikotun, even as another unidentified man believed to be a police informant was beaten to death in the presence of his infant daughter.

"Some of the hoodlums who recognised him as alleged Police informant, raised the alarm before others descended on him and beat him to death in the presence of his seven years old daughter.