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Gunmen kill Owerri lawyer

EMMA OGU, Owerri

AN Owerri based legal practitioner, Mr. Ijegbulam Moore Akujuobi has been murdered in his residence at Umez-Eronini Street in Ikenegbu Owerri, Imo State by yet to be identified gun men.

The assassins were said to have arrived the residence of the lawyer on a motorcycle popularly known as Okada around 8.pm. Unsuspecting Akujuobi, who had just returned from work, opened his door when he heard a knock, thinking it was a visitor. *Daily Champion* learnt that a young man he ushered in immediately pulled his gun and shot him in the fore head in the presence of his wife and four children.

It was gathered that the assailant did not demand anything from the family but quietly left the scene and mounted the waiting Okada. Neighbours of the family, who were alerted by the gunshot rushed out only to find the lawyer in the pool of his own blood. The killer had disappeared.

The victim was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre Owerri but died on the way

Confirming the incident to *Daily Champion* yesterday, Chairman of Nigerian Bar Association (NBA), Owerri, Mr. Declan Madu stated that the association was prepared to give security operatives any cooperation that will assist them to fish out the killers of the young lawyer. He further stated that the association will wait for the outcome of the investigation of the operatives to determine the line of action to take.

Meanwhile, Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Linus Nwaiwu told our correspondent that he was yet to be briefed on the incident.

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