

Gunmen kill 2 in Port Harcourt

DENNIS NAKU, Port Harcourt

UNKNOWN gunmen have shot dead two persons, including a 23-year-old girl identified as Veronica Bassey Akpan, at Mile 3 area of Diobu in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital.

Daily Champion learnt that Miss Akpan reportedly met her death while going to buy drugs at a nearby chemists shop along Ovimi lane, off Azikiwe street, when a male friend known as Cyril, engaged her in a conversation.

Unknown to her, Cyril, who is said to be living next door, was being trailed by the assailants, but Miss Akpan reportedly sensed danger when she spotted one of the gunmen in a cream colour Toyota Camry pointing a gun in the direction she was chatting with her friend and immediately tried to flee. It was too late, as the gunmen opened fire, killing her and Cyril on the spot.

• Eyewitness said the gunmen, who escaped from the scene of the incident unchallenged, also left a young man (names withheld) with gun shot injury in the arm, as a result of stray bullet.

The body of Miss Akpan, whom her friends said was preparing to celebrate her 24th birthday on Sunday, was taken to her home town in Akwa Ibom State for burial.

Contacted, Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rita Inoma-Abbey, said she heard of the incident, but was yet to be officially briefed on it.