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Gunmen kill cop, abandon corpse in bush

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Gunmen have killed a police inspector identified as Augustine Ukegbu in Imo State.

The policeman was killed at his village at Umuoshike Ogbor in the Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area of the state after celebrating Easter with his family, police sources said.

It was gathered that the inspector was kidnapped from his house upon his arrival from his base in Owerri and was later found dead in a bush along Mbutu in the local council.

The source said that the cop was abducted at Aboh Mbaise around

11pm on April 8 by the gunmen riding in a Lexus jeep.

It was further learnt that the incident was reported at the Oke Ovoro police division, which later discovered the vehicle where it was abandoned along the Mbutu Road in Aboh Mbaise.

Police were said to have visited the scene, cordoned it off, and discovered the inspector's corpse.

The corpse was later deposited in a mortuary and the vehicle was recovered by his colleagues.

Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Henry Okoye, confirmed the incident.

He said the police had commenced investigation into the incident.