

# Suspected cultists shot mechanic dead in Rivers

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Gunmen suspected to be cultists have shot and killed an automobile technician identified as John Okon in the Diobu axis of Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

It was gathered that the incident occurred at about 8:55pm on Tuesday when Mr Okon was discussing with a lady in his car.

A witness said while the mechanic and his female company were still in the vehicle, about three gunmen arrived the scene, shot him on the head and fled.

The source disclosed that before the gunmen fled, one of them returned to the scene to confirm if the mechanic was dead, as Okon sprawled in the car in a pool of his own blood.

"So when that happened there was confusion and serious panic in the area. People living there and those passing took to their heels," the source stated.

The witness said immediately he was shot, the lady in the vehicle with him shouted and scampered for safety.

Speaking on the incident, commander of a local vigilante group, Prince Amatari, said the victim was killed in a red Wagon Golf car.

Spokesperson of the Rivers State Police Command, Grace Iringe-Koko, said she was yet to get details of the incident.