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## Gunmen kill hotelier in Rivers

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**PROPRIETOR** of Watergate Hotel Limited, Mr. Magnus Akpukwu, was yesterday shot dead by **gunmen** at his residence, Rumuaghuolu, in Obiapko Local Council of **Rivers State**.

A witness of the incident, who pleaded anonymity, told The Guardian that the bandits numbering about four stormed the victim's residence in the early hours of the day, shot sporadically into the air to scare away neighbours.

He said the killers queried Akpukwu for about five minutes before shooting him on the forehead.

It was not clear whether any property of the deceased was taken away by the killers.

The **Rivers State Police Command** Public Relations Officer, Rita Innoma-Abbey, who confirmed the incidence yesterday, said the police had gone to the scene and interrogated those living around the premises.

She assured that the police would unravel the circumstances surrounding the murder and the motive behind it.

Innoma-Abbey urged the public to give useful information to the police to enable them investigate the matter and unmask the killers.

She said: "I urge the public to give useful information to the police as investigations have been intensified to find the murderers but the family should be well assured that the police will certainly find the killers of Akpukwu."