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## Abuja: How assailant killed ex-police officer over parking space

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**P**OLICE detectives at the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja are on the trail of a man, who reportedly killed the General Manager of Perceival Security and Safety Agencies Limited (PSSA), a registered private security company in the city.

The deceased, Mr. Augustine Ejim, a native of Ogoja in Cross River State was allegedly killed on Thursday night at the Karamajidi (suburb) area of Abuja, where he had gone to see his sister.

Eyewitnesses told newsmen that Ejim, a retired Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) had gone to see his sister around 930p.m. in connection with a proposed morning journey on Friday. He was said to have lost his father-in-law, whose body is currently in the mortuary and his planned journey was in connection with the burial. Regrettably, he could not make the journey to Cross Rivers State as earlier planned as his life was abruptly cut short.

It was gathered that the late CSP Ejim had parked his vehicle somewhere near his sis-

ter's apartment in the area. According to sources, the area is yet to be properly structured and numbered as a street. After discussing with the sister, Ejim had reportedly entered his car, only to observe that one of his tyres had been deflated. He came down to inspect it and was wondering who must have leaked it and for what reason.

Instantly, a man was said to have emerged and started questioning why he had to block the entrance to his house. Ejim tried to explain that where he parked was a public space and that he was

not blocking anyone's frontage, but the man became infuriated with a threat to deal with Ejim.

The deceased's sister was said to have intervened by asking her brother not to indulge in argument with the man, as he seemed to be in the mood for trouble.

In compliance with his sister's advice, the PSSA chief-tain was said to have simply turned to go his way when the assailant rushed from behind and pushed him.

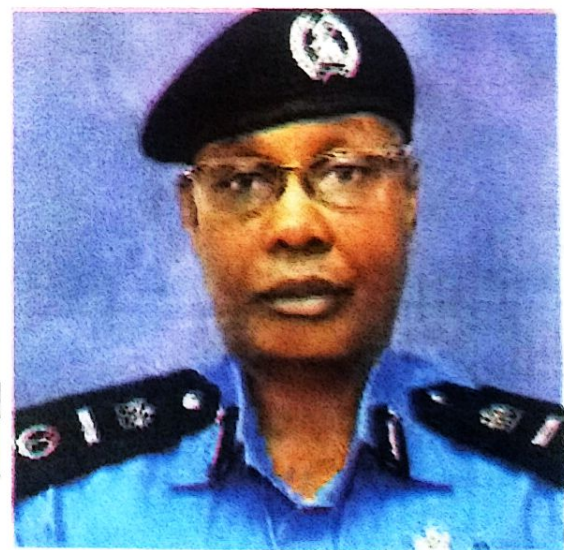
The former CSP was not expecting such a sudden push. He lost his bearing as he fell down hitting his head

on a stone. He suddenly became unconscious and as his sister raised the alarm, which attracted residents of the area, the assailant took to his heels. Nobody could immediately pursue him as efforts were made to save the life of Ejim, who was reportedly bleeding profusely.

It was gathered that he gave up the ghost on the way to the hospital and before anyone could get to the assailant's residence, he had fled with members of his family, leaving behind his vehicle, which was eventually towed by the police in the area.



Ejim



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