

Hoodlums Kill Cult Leader In Enugu

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A notorious cult leader has been brutally murdered by gunmen, believed to be members of his gang in Abakpa Nike, a suburb of Enugu metropolis.

The late cultist who was simply identified as "killer" died from injuries he sustained after an armed assault on him by some of his partners in crime, eye witnesses have said, on Monday.

The reason for the assault on

him could not be ascertained as of the time of filing this report, but it was gathered that he died at a hospital in Second Bus Stop, Abakpa, where he was rushed by some of his fellow cultists in a desperate bid to save his life.

Sources said further that when he was ascertained dead by the Medical Director of the Hospital (names-withheld), his colleagues who brought him tried to abandon his corpse, but for the swift intervention of members of a vigilance group in the area, who insisted that the

corpse must be removed from the vicinity.

A fierce scuffle heralded with gunshots was said to have ensued between the cultists and the security group, which alerted some policemen on duty, who stormed the scene of the incident and swiftly rounded up the cultists.

A source at the police area command Abakiliki road confirmed the arrest of some hoodlums, while efforts to reach the Police Public Rela-

tions Officer (PPRO), Mike Abatam proved abortive.

A concerned resident told Daily Independent that the activities of cultists have been on the increase in the area of lately, adding that the slain cultist was responsible for the attack on a driver of a popular Roman Catholic cleric and fiery preacher in Enugu, who received severe machete cuts.

"He has been terrorising people around here before nemesis caught up with him," the source said.