

# UBA Branch Manager Killed In Umuahia

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Detectives from the Abia State Police Command are now trailing the killers of the Umuahia branch manager of the United Bank for Africa (UBA), Udoka Ogbuagu, who was murdered at the weekend.

But sources insist that one of the notorious criminals allegedly responsible for the many kidnapping and other armed

robbery cases in the state, nicknamed "Chansing," who is also fingered in the killing of Ogbuagu, was brought down in a hail of police bullets on Saturday.

It was gathered that the notorious criminal was killed when he turned up to collect the ransom for a kidnapped victim known to him that the Police/Army joint patrol team as well as the anti-kidnap team of the command had surrounded the area.

Police were pumping hands and clinking glasses over the death of the most wanted criminal, saying that with his death, incidence of kidnapping and armed robbery would abate for a while.

*Daily Independent* gathered that the manager who had just returned from his annual vacation which he spent in London was driving through Igbere Street in Umuahia at about 6.30 p.m. when his assailants killed him.

Sources said Ogbuagu had left his

office at Factory Road to visit a friend with his cousin when he was accosted by some men in a yet to be identified saloon car and opened fire on him.

It was gathered that efforts made to revive him by doctors at the Federal Medical Centre, Umuahia where he was rushed to after the shooting proved abortive as he gave up the ghost at about 7 p.m.