

# SUSPECTED CULTIST KILLS UBTH STAFF IN BENIN

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Gunmen suspected to be cultists Monday morning shot and kill an administrative staff of the University of Benin Teaching Hospital, Elisabeth Osayande.

Reports had it that Osayande was shot in the presence of her husband at their residence at Akpata street in Egor Local Government Area of Edo State, south south, region.

It was also gathered that the gunmen rode in a motorcycle and pointed at the woman saying "that is the person, shoot her", and she was shot on the chest and died before she could be taken to the hospital.

It was further learnt that one of the sons of the victim had a face off with a boy who parked his motorcycle in front of their residence few minutes earlier after which the unknown boy returned to kill the woman.

Husband of the victim, Osayande told newsmen who arrived the scene that he sent his son to get him some plank and the boy noticed that the stranger parked at the entrance to their residence.

"My son only asked him to give way but the stranger told him to shut up. He threatened to deal with my son and he came back few minutes later and shot my wife," he said.

He said the corpse has been deposited at the mortuary, adding that the matter has been reported at the Ogida Police Station.

When contacted, Edo State Police Command's Spokesman, Anthony Airhuoyo confirmed the incident but said the police was yet to get the full details of the gruesome killing.

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