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Suspected armed robbers kill one, injure another in Ughelli

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SUSPECTED armed robbers, on New Year eve, went on rampage in Ughelli, Ughelli Local Government Area, killing a retired principal, E. E. Ekee at Ogbojuku street and also shot and injured the publisher of Rainbow Newspaper, Matthias Ogbagah, at Ogodo Street.

Ogbagah, who is also the financial secretary of the Ughelli chapel of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), told journalists on his hospital bed that he walked into the gunmen numbering seven, who were already within his compound before he was shot at close range.

He said: “Immediately I entered the compound, they accosted me and collected my phones and cash in my pocket after which, I was shot by one of them, who was armed and they left me in my pool of blood, thinking I was dead.

“On realising they have gone, I tried to seek for help by hopping and jumping the fence behind the compound only for them to shoot at me on sighting me trying to scale the fence. At this point, I acted like I was dead after

which, I was rescued and taken to the hospital by some neighbours.”

It would be recalled that the same journalist, on November 15 2014, sustained various degrees of life threatening cuts when he was attacked by three gunmen, who were later arrested by members of the Ughelli Vigilante Outfit.

While confirming the killing of Ekee, the state Police Public Relations Office (PPRO), Celestina Kalu, said the police was on the trail of the suspected hoodlums and expressed hope that the suspects would be arrested and brought to book.

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