Gunmen Kill Middle-Aged Man In Benin

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A middle-aged man simply identified as "Papa Mali" was on Tuesday afternoon shot dead in Benin City by unknown gunmen.

Papa Mali is said to be a popular carpenter residing at Okabere in Upper Sakpomba area of Benin City.

He was allegedly shot dead in his workshop along Okabere Road, off Upper Sokponba Road in Benin City by some gunmen who rode on a motorcycle to the area.

It was gathered that the gunmen stormed the workshop at about 3.30 p.m. on December 29, 2020 went straight to the man and dragged him out before pumping several bullets into his body.

The assailants later fired some gunshots into the air to scare the people in the locality who eventually took to their heels to avoid stray bullets.

Some residents described the late carpenter as a diligent and quiet man who has been in the area for years.

They wondered why he was killed by the assailants and called on the police to bring his killers to justice.

The lifeless body of the young man was later taken away by the police who arrived at the scene few hours after the incident while the people in the area took to their heels on sighting the police over the fear of being arrested.

The reason for his assassination could not be easily ascertained but there have been pockets of secret cult killings in the past weeks in Benin City.