

Gunmen Kill Ex-Policeman, Wife In Imo

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Fleeing gunmen on Sunday shot dead a retired policeman, Mr Sampson Owobo and his wife in Owerri, the Imo State capital.

Owobo, retired as an assistant superintendent of police (ASP) and hailed from Edo State.

Sources told LEADERSHIP

that three gunmen invaded the point of sale (PoS) business premises of the retired policeman but met resistance around the Chisco Transport Company office on Egbu Road.

According to the source, who pleaded anonymity, the gunmen arrived in a car and demanded for their money.

However, when the gunmen met resistance, they

shot Owobo at a close range on his fore head and eyes while Mrs Owobo was shot on the chest but was pronounced dead at the Federal University Teaching Hospital Owerri (FUTHO) where she was rushed to by neighbours.

The source said, "The armed robbers were carrying pump action rifles and were trying to carry a bag contain-

ing money. The husband and wife ran a PoS business and also sold loaves of bread. When they could not succeed in collecting the money, they shot the couple at close ranges".

The spokesperson of the state police command, Henry Okoye, confirmed the murder of the couple and said the police were on the trail of the suspects.