

Armed robbers kill man in Rivers

•Father, son injured

UNKNOWN gunmen yesterday shot dead a man, simply identified as Jamiu, in Mile 1, Port Harcourt, the Rivers State capital.

His father and brother were also shot in the robbery involving a gang of four, who came in two cars.

Sources said the robbers, armed with AK-47 rifles, invaded a pool office, Telegraph Nigeria Enterprises.

They shot to scare away passers-by, motorists and commuters.

From Bisi Olaniyi, Port Harcourt

An eyewitness said one of the robbers drove the first car to survey the area, while the others came in the second car.

Eyewitnesses said: "One of the robbers in the second car alighted, dropped his gun in the car, and moved to the front of an adjacent two-storey building, communicating with the others on when to strike.

"At this point, he was communicating non-verbally with his partners, who were driving along the street.

"Two of them moved to the pool office. One stood at the entrance with his gun, while the other went inside to seize the cash and in the process, shot the elderly owner, Mr. Olukayode, a native of Osun State, in the leg and hand.

"His son, Femi, was also shot in the leg." Jamiu was shot close to his

heart and died instantly.

His remains have been deposited at a morgue.

A neighbour of the Olukayodes said Jamiu might have recognised some of the robbers.

The Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Mile 1 Police Station, Mr. Gbenga Adepoju, has strengthened security in the area.

Police spokesman Mr. Akin Fakorede said: "The police are on the trail of the robbers."