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Suspected assassins struck in FESTAC Town, Lagos Tuesday night, shooting the owner of a popular transport company, Young Shall Grow Motors, Chief Vincent Obianodo.

The gunmen, The Nation learnt, opened fire on his vehicle around 10pm on **4th Avenue Road in the town.**

A police Corporal, Ngozi Chijoke of the Patrol and Guards (PG), Lagos State Command, who was with him in his vehicle, was shot dead. Obianodo's driver was also killed.

Two of the gunmen were killed by some policemen who were on patrol during a shootout.

Other members of the gang, police sources said, escaped with wounds in a Highlander Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), which was riddled with bullets.

It was gathered that Obianodo sustained bullet wounds in one of his hands, which he used to block his chest against the hail of bullets.

Sources said he was rushed to an undisclosed hospital.

Police spokesperson Ngozi Braide, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP), who confirmed the incident, said: "His vehicle was double-crossed in a lonely area **around 22 Road in FESTAC** and the assailants opened fire and killed his driver. Some policemen who were on patrol heard the sound of the gunshots and moved to the scene. There was a serious exchange of gunfire and two of the suspects were killed.

"Their Highlander operational SUV was perforated with bullets, while the other suspects who escaped in it sustained bullet injuries. One AK49 and AK47 rifles with 400 live ammunition and 10 fully loaded magazines were recovered from the suspects. We lost one of our men too."

She said investigations had begun in a bid to arrest the fleeing suspects.

Braide urged the public and hospitals to report to the police any information about the Highlander SUV or the suspects.

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