

Gunmen kill businessman

A businessman, Chief Bright Igwegbu, was yesterday killed by unknown gunmen in the Mile 2 area in Lagos.

Police sources said some arrests have already been made, adding that it was too early to give details of the incident as investigations were on-going.

The Nation also gathered from police sources that the mission of his killers has not been ascertained as investigations have been left open, adding that they were working on finding out if his killers were armed robbers or assassins.

The late Igwegbu, popularly known as Aku or Bruzel, who hailed from Imo State, was reportedly driving in his grey-coloured ML 450 Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV), when his assailants emerged from nowhere and shot him in the neck and head.

It was learnt that Igwegbu, a graduate of Economics from the Ogun State University, whose family is based in Huston Texas, was billed to visit his family next week.

Before the tragic incident, Igwegbu, on two occasions, had close shave with death. The first incident, according to family sources, occurred six weeks ago, after some gunmen suspected to be robbers attempted to attack him. But he reportedly managed to escape.

The second incident reportedly occurred three weeks ago after he was involved in a fatal motor accident.

Family sources said: "Three weeks ago, he went to a pharmacy in FESTAC Town to get some drugs and he was inside his car when another car hit his vehicle. He escaped death narrowly."

Back in Huston Texas, news of the tragic incident was reportedly broken to his family by some close friends.

At the deceased's 1st Avenue, 'V' Close, FESTAC home, some sympathisers were discussing his death.

The late Igwegbu was described as a willing benefactor. His house was under lock yesterday.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ngozi Braid, a Deputy Superintendent (DSP) could not be reached for comments.

