

# Suspected gunmen kill Civil Defence operative in Edo

**A**N operative of Edo State Command of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC), Mr. Rawlings Osagie, has been shot dead by suspected gunmen in Benin City.

The deceased, an assistant head of Anti-vandalism, was killed on Monday at his

From Osagie Otabor, Benin

home after he returned from work.

He was about to lock the gate when the hoodlums shot him.

The victim's younger brother, Mr. Aghatise Osagie, who confirmed the incident, told reporters that

the gunmen shot him in the stomach.

He said his brother died before he was taken to University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH), after spending some time at Benin Central Hospital.

Aghatise said a four-man gang laid siege to Rawlings' home and shot him as he

was about to open the gate to his house at Ugbor, Benin City.

He added: "We went to Stella Obasanjo Hospital; there was no doctor on duty. At Benin Central Hospital, there was no surgeon that night, but before the call-in doctor could arrive, his breathing was no longer stable. So we tried to take him to UBTH, but he died on the way."

Police spokesman Moses Nkombe said he was yet to be briefed.

## Police kill robbery suspect