

# Three arrested over UNIBEN prof's death

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Three suspects have been arrested in connection with the killing of Prof. Paul Otasowie of the Department of Electrical and Electronics Engineering, University of Benin (UNIBEN).

The don was killed Wednesday night, 24 hours after Edo State ace musician Osayomore Joseph was kidnapped by gunmen.

Sources said the late Otasowie was killed after the gunmen failed to kidnap him in his home on Siluko Road in Oredo Local Government.

Another source said Prof. Otasowie was shot dead by the hoodlums in front of his home when he came down from his building.

The deceased was a director of UNIBEN's Industrial Training and Student Industrial Work Experience Scheme.

University spokesman Michael Osasuyi said the institution was yet to get details of the murder.

He said: “We lost him (Otasowie) yesterday. We are trying to gather the right information, because we are getting different versions.

“The first version said it was an assassination. The second version said it was a robbery. That he was inside a car and they shot him.

“At present, the university cannot ascertain what has transpired. But we are sending delegates to his family.

“We commiserate with the family. It is a big blow to the university. He was a hardworking don.

“The Vice Chancellor, Prof. Orunmwense, is sad. We wish this insecurity in Edo State is looked into. Just recently, Joseph Osayomore was kidnapped.

“The high level of insecurity is becoming something else. The vice chancellor commiserates with the family and the school is mourning.” Police spokesman Moses Nkombe said three suspects had been nabbed.

He said the police received distress calls from neighbours and when they got to the scene, they found the professor dead.

Nkombe said nothing was taken from him.

On the abduction of the Managing Director of Ogba Zoo and Nature Park, Dr. Andy Ehanire and Osayomore, the spokesman said they would soon be rescued.

He said efforts were on to secure their release.