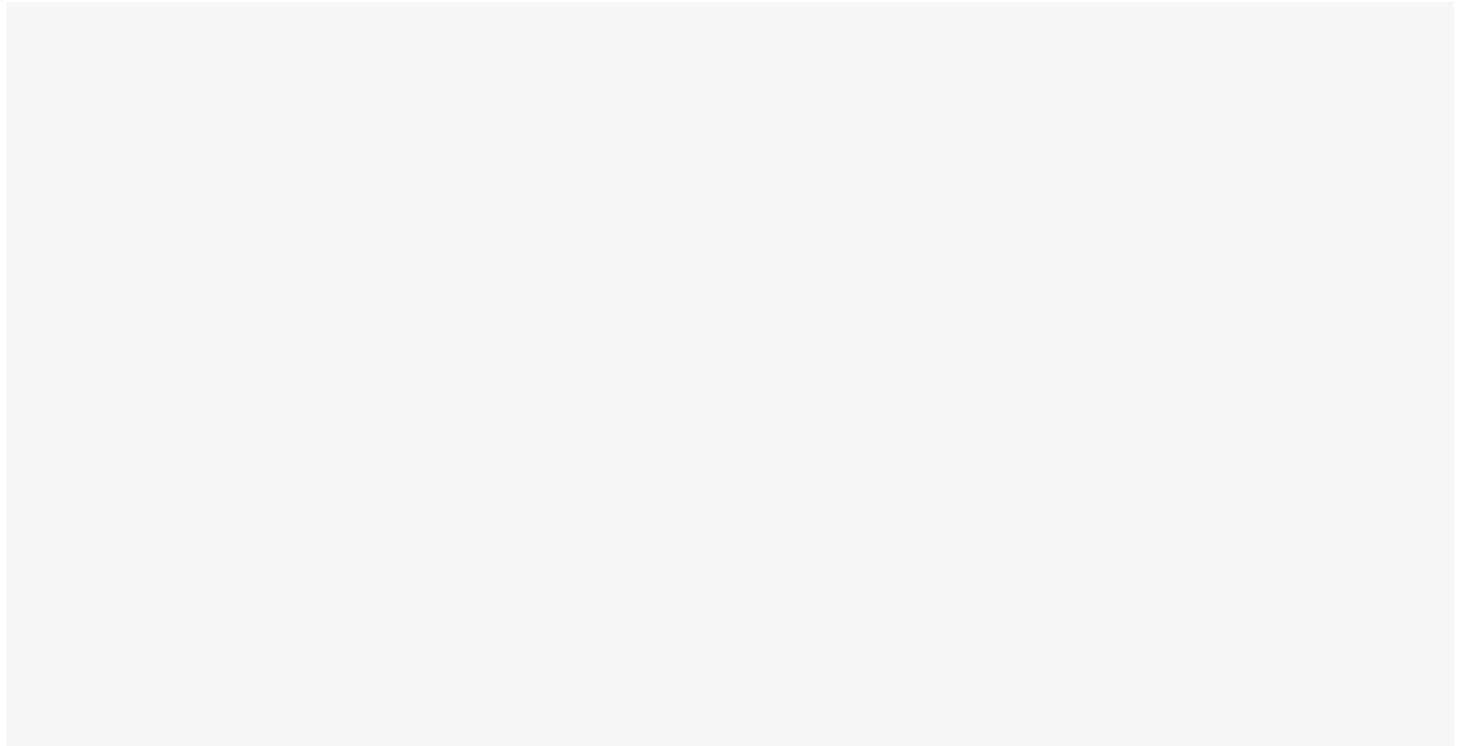


Gunmen kill policeman in Edo

•APC candidate abducted



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Gunmen have kidnapped the All Progressives Congress (APC) House of Assembly candidate for Owan West Constituency in Edo State, Michael Ohio-Ezomo.

He was abducted yesterday at his home in Eme-Ora village.

The kidnappers killed his police orderly.

Ohio-Ezomo was a member of the assembly between 2011 and 2015.

The Chairman of Owan West Local Government, Mr. Frank Ilaboya, who confirmed the incident, said it happened around 1am.

“We got the information early this morning. His police orderly was killed. They shot him. “The driver said they shattered the window with bullets and entered the room, kidnapping him.

“We don’t know his whereabouts. He went on campaign yesterday. He went to some camps with Prof. Julius Ihonvbere, the House of Representatives candidate and we even spoke after the campaign. They were supposed to continue the campaign today, but for this unfortunate incident.”

Police Commissioner Hakeem Odumosu, who mobilised a special squad to the area, said it was a case of kidnap and murder.

He said: “They broke into the compound and first went to the boys’ quarters where the police orderly was sleeping and killed him. Then they went to the four- bedroom bungalow where the victim stayed and broke the window to gain entrance. Three of them went inside the house, while the others stayed outside the building. One of those who went inside wore a hood and hand gloves, which means there is an insider that is likely to know the terrain and don’t want to be identified.

“We have started investigation. They went away with the victim’s phones. We have ordered for the embalmmment of the body of our fallen man so that we will do the necessary processes before we inform the family.”