

Gunmen kidnap, kill police inspector in Imo

From Chris Njoku, Owerri

① **G**UNMEN have killed an Inspector of police after he was kidnapped from his home at Aboh Mbaise Local Government Area, Imo State.

a bush along Mbutu in the Aboh Mbaise LGA.

He said the Inspector was attached to the Special Weapons and Tactics Department.

The Inspector identified as Austin Ukegbu, was kidnapped at his country home at Umuoshike Ogbor, when he went home to celebrate the Easter festival with his family, a source said.

He said: "Inspector Augustine Ukegbu who was serving at Orji Police Divisional headquarters went home to celebrate the Easter with his family at Aboh Mbaise. Around 11pm on April 8, some gunmen riding in a Lexus jeep came and kidnapped him from his house in the village.

According to the source who pleaded not to be mentioned, Ukegbu was later found dead in

"The abduction was reported at Oke Ovoro Police Division. The Jeep was later found abandoned along the Mbutu Road in Aboh Mbaise. Police men visited the scene, the surrounding bush was searched and the inspector's corpse was found."

The source said that some police operatives evacuated the inspector's body to a mortuary in the area while the vehicle was recovered to the station.

One of his colleagues claimed they saw the slain inspector in Owerri the day he was travelling to the village.

"I saw Inspector Augustine in Owerri and he told me he was travelling to celebrate the Easter. He was serving at Orji Police Division. He was an operative of SWAT (Special Weapons and Tactics) Department. I am saddened by his death.

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