

Gunmen shoot dead pharmacist in kidnapping attempt in Imo

IT was a tragic event as a young man was fatally shot by gunmen suspected to be kidnappers on Friday, at Irete Autonomous Community in Owerri West Local Government Area of Imo State.

According to eyewitnesses, the incident occurred when the criminals targeted the home of the victim who was later identified as Henry Ejiogu Ogbuji, a native of Obile in Ohaji/Egbema LGA, Imo State, but living in Irete

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Area.

It emerged that the victim, until his untimely passing, had resided at Obinwanne Street in Umuohia Irete, where he owned his property.

Reports indicate that the deceased returned from work only to learn about the kidnapping of his older brother, Sunny Ogbuji, who lived nearby in Umueju Irete.

Upon discovering this, Henry set out to pursue the kidnappers.

A source revealed that Henry encountered the abductors while they were traveling along the road leading to the Owerri/Onitsha Expressway (Umunigada Junction).

The kidnappers recognized Henry pursuing them and fired shots, hitting him in the chest; he passed away instantly.

Fortunately, his older brother managed to escape

from the clutches of his captors.

It was learned that Henry, before his death, worked as a pharmacist selling medications at Owerri Plaza.

In response to the incident, the Imo State Police Command Public Relations Officer, Henry Okoye, confirmed the incident and stated that efforts were underway to capture the perpetrators.

He added that the deceased's remains had been taken to the mortuary of the Federal Medical Centre, FMC, Owerri.