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An aide to the Asari-Toru Caretaker Committee chairman, simply known as Godknows (aka Babadiba), was killed by unknown gunmen in Buguma, headquarters of the local council, in the wee hours of Thursday.

The victim was said to have been shot dead inside his residence by gunmen who stormed the area around 1am, shooting him several times, to ensure that he had no chance of survival.

Godknows, who was also selling drinks in retail and wholesale, was said to have been found dead at daybreak, a development that cause anxiety within the area.

The local government chairman, Chief Soboma Jackrick, said his slain aide was a politician but an easy-going fellow, whom he (Jackrick) appointed as his Special Adviser on Business Development.

The council chairman, who spoke through his lawyer, Mr Tubotamuno Dick, said the gunmen stormed Buguma and began to shoot sporadically between 1am and 2am.

He recalled that the victim was recently threatened by a group of people, who accused him of being an informant to security operatives on criminal activities in the area.

"He was appointed the Special Assistant to the council chairman on Business Development. He is always at home. He was recently threatened by some persons, who said he was giving information to security operatives", Dick said.

He disclosed that the police had been informed about the killing of the deceased, adding that a group of security operatives came to Buguma on Thursday morning and took the victim's remains to the mortuary.

When contacted however, spokesman of the Rivers State Police Command, Mr Ahmad Muhammad, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said he was yet to receive such information as at the time of going to the press.

Meanwhile, the police command in Rivers State has announced the arrest of five suspected criminals and recovery of dangerous weapons.

The state police PPRO, Ahmad Muhammad, made this known in a statement issued in Port Harcourt, stating that the arrest was effected after a string operation carried out by team of policemen at Pipeline, Ubima in Ikwerre Local Government Area, early Thursday morning.

He gave the names of the suspects to include Okachi Isaiah, Benjamin Ohahuru, Enyele Eze, Orakwu Innocent and Ibuchi Would, all males, adding that weapons recovered from them included two AK 47 rifle, one pump action gun, one Bareta pistol, 19 rounds of assorted live ammunition, three magazines and eight cartridges.

"Preliminary investigation indicated the gang are responsible to series of armed robberies and kidnappings around Ubima and environs," the police image-maker added.

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