

## Gunmen kill parents of detained cult leader in A'Tbom

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TWO armed gunmen on motorcycle, on Tuesday night, were at the sleepy community of Obon Ebot in Etim Ekpo Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State and shot dead a couple, Mr and Mrs Esemé Etukudoh, in what local residents described as "revenge killings."

**Metro** gathered that the masked gunmen came on a motorcycle at about 8:00p.m., while one of them

jumped down, shot at the couple and escaped immediately.

According to a source who craved anonymous, "when we heard the sound of the gunshots, we were too scared to come out because we thought it was an armed robbery."

The source further revealed that a son of the deceased couple, popular known as 'Boy Ikpor,' who is a leader of one of the cult groups in the state, is currently being

detained at the police command headquarters in Ikot Akpanabia.

He was alleged to have murdered the parents of another cult leader a few months ago, as well as a political youth leader in the area, Sunday Jeremiah.

It was gathered the Boy Ikpor was arrested by soldiers on his way to an undisclosed hospital to treat gunshot wounds he sustained during exchange of fire with the rival gang.

Confirming the incident on Wednesday, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Chukwu Ikehukwu, said Boy Ikpor and several other suspects were in police custody.

"We have made several arrests and we had planned to parade them on Tuesday, but because the commissioner was busy, we had to shelve it," the PPRO said.