

# Hoodlums murder farmer in Edo

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A farmer, Mr Saturday Idehen, was Tuesday, shot dead by some suspected hoodlums at Okhun village, Ovia North-East Local Government Area of Edo State.

The hoodlums fled the scene but the murder suspect, was however, apprehended by some residents in the area who gave him a hot chase.

The victim was said to have been hit by a stray bullet after some youths in the village went berserk, following report that one of their friends escaped from one of the Nigerian Correctional Centres on Monday in Benin City, the

Edo State capital.

The widow, Mrs Blessing Idehen, wept uncontrollably when she heard about the fatal shooting of her husband.

The suspected killer reportedly confessed that the victim was hit by a stray bullet from members of his gang who fired sporadic gunshots after blocking the road in the area.

"We had called him to join us to help block the road but unfortunately, stray bullets hit him and he died," he said.

The spokesman of the Edo State Police Command, Mr Chidi Nwabuzor, could not be reached for comment, but a police source confirmed that the alleged murderer was being detained by the local police.