

Police arrest ex-LG boss for murder

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THE Akwa Ibom State Police Command has arrested a former local government chairman, Mr. Raphael Idung, for allegedly killing a man.

Idung was said to have shot the man in the chest at a close range.

Our correspondent gathered that the victim, whose identity could not be con-

firmed as at press time, was rushed to a nearby hospital where he was confirmed dead.

Idung, a former caretaker committee chairman of Abak Local Government, was reportedly arrested and detained in 2003 when he allegedly shot and killed a councillorship candidate from Midim Ward of the council.

It was also gathered that

a high court in Abak had dismissed the murder case against Idung for lack of concrete evidence.

Sources told our correspondent that there were high-level intrigues by some unknown persons to effect his release.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Suur Chafa, confirmed Idung's arrest to our correspondent.

He said a rifle was recovered from him.