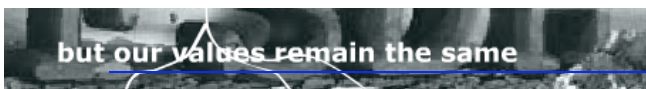




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Gunmen kidnap council chairman's sister, kill one

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UNKNOWN gunmen stormed Alaeto Eleme in Port Harcourt, killed a middle-aged man before abducting a business woman at about 9.30pm on Friday.

The woman identified as Obari Ngofa, is a younger sister to the Chairman of Eleme Local Government Area, Mr. Oji Ngofa.

SUNDAY PUNCH learnt that the hoodlums had stormed a popular bar owned by the victim in the area and went straight for their target.

However, an attempt by the deceased, Elvis Nwosu, to stop the bandits from taking away Obari had angered the kidnappers, who shot him immediately before leaving the premises.

The assailant, who were three in number came in two motorcycles and ordered everybody in the bar to lie on the floor before taking their victim away to an unknown destination.

"Nwosu stood up in an attempt to stop the kidnappers from taking the woman away. But he was shot by one of them. He later died after being rushed to the hospital.

"Immediately, the kidnappers came into the bar, they did not spend up to 10 seconds before they went for the woman. Everybody was on the floor and facing the ground.

"Many were surprised that one of the three men in the bar stood up and tried to disobey the order for the kidnappers," an eyewitness said.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. Rita Inoma-Abbey, who confirmed the incident, said the kidnapped victim was taken away in a Toyota Camry car.

Contrary to an eyewitness account, Inoma-Abbey explained that Nwosu was receiving treatment in a nearby hospital.

She pointed out that security operatives had intensified efforts to ensure that the hoodlums were arrested.

It was, however, gathered that members of the kidnapped victim's family were yet to establish contact with those who kidnapped Obari.

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