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A retired Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Pullen Agbonifo, died on Tuesday after being shot by gunmen who invaded his residence in Idimu, Lagos.

It was learnt that the culprits also shot his driver.

According to police, the gunmen trailed the deceased's driver to the crime scene and shot him before heading to the main house.

The culprits were said to have gone straight to Agbonifo's bedroom where he was shot repeatedly.

Agbonifo however did not die on the spot but gave up the ghost at a nearby hospital.

The culprits were said to have fled the scene without stealing anything, an indication that the retired DCP was assassinated.

The spokesperson for the state police command, Ngozi Braide, confirmed the incident. She told our correspondent during a telephone interview that after Agbonifo was shot, his son went to report the incident to the Divisional Police Officer, Idimu.

She said Agbonifo was rushed to the hospital by policemen along with his driver but died from the gunshot wounds.

Braide said, "Agbonifo was shot on Tuesday around 9pm by unidentified gunmen. His son ran to Idimu Police Station and informed the DPO who then raced down to the scene. He was found in a pool of blood in his bedroom and was rushed to a nearby hospital where he died.

“Investigations revealed that the culprits trailed his driver and entered the compound as he was coming in. The driver was also shot but survived and is responding to treatment.

“The culprits did not steal anything from his home and investigations are ongoing.”

Braide said the incident was most likely an assassination and the police were working hard to apprehend the suspects.

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