

Gunmen kill teenager, abduct Abia LG NULGE chair

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The chairman of the Nigeria Union of Local Government Employees in Isiala Ngwa North Local Government in Abia State, Wachukwu Okechukwu, was reportedly abducted by gunmen on Tuesday night.

It was learnt that Okechukwu was abducted at about 10.15pm at his elder brother's viewing centre in Nbawsi where he was watching the UEFA Champions League match between Liverpool and Barcelona.

According to an eyewitness, the gunmen bundled him into the boot of his black Toyota Corolla Saloon and drove off through the old Aba/Umuahia road to an unknown destination.

The source said two other people at the viewing centre were allegedly hit by the bullets released by the hoodlums as they shot indiscriminately.

The source added that one of them identified as Maduabuchi Ebere, 19, a native of Umunkolo Nbawsi, died in the early hours of Wednesday, while the other victim was said to be in critical

condition at an undisclosed hospital.

It was learnt that Okechukwu's kidnappers had yet to contact his family as of the time of filling this report.

But his car was said to have been recovered where the kidnappers abandoned it at Umuala junction in the area.

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Spokesman for the police in the state Geoffrey Ogbonna confirmed the incident, but said no official signal has been sent to his office.

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