

Masked gunmen, cultists kill Delta community leader, artisan

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The immediate past Chairman of Ugbori community in the Warri South Local Government Area of Delta State, Godwin Metie, has been shot dead by yet-to-be-identified gunmen.

PUNCH Metro gathered that the gunmen perpetrated the act around 9pm on Monday at Merogun, a volatile area of the Warri metropolis.

According to sources, the deceased was waylaid by the mask-wearing hoodlums, who opened fire on him at close range.

He reportedly gave up the ghost on the spot.

In a similar development, a bricklayer, identified only as Uruese, has been murdered by gunmen suspected to be cultists.

Uruese, also fondly called Iron Monkey, was killed at Orerokpe in the Okpe Local Government Area of the state last Friday.

The deceased, who lived around a street close to the council's secretariat, was reportedly shot through the window of his room while asleep.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, said she was not aware of the alleged killing of the former Ugbori community chairman.

Onovwakpoyeya promised to react after making enquiries on the matter.

She, however, confirmed Uruese's death.

“The one that was shot while asleep is true and investigation is on,” she stated.