

Highway robbers shoot Benue poly lecturer dead

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SOME gunmen suspected to be armed robbers on Sunday killed a lecturer, Echobu Adah, who worked with the Benue State Polytechnic, Ugbokolo.

Sources said the lecturer was travelling in his car when he was shot by the gunmen on the Otukpo/Enugu highway.

A resident, who did not want to be identified, said the hoodlums were operating on the highway when Adah drove to the scene.

"The lecturer was travelling back to his station at Ugbokolo around 5pm on Sunday when he ran into the robbery scene and was shot dead," the source said.

The killing of the lecturer

was said to have triggered a protest at the Eke Junction on the Otukpo/ Enugu highway, which resulted in gridlock on the road for hours.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident, adding that the deceased was shot dead by suspected robbers.

She said, "Yes, I just

received the report. The deceased was in transit when he ran into the suspected robbers.

"Unknown to him that the people were suspected robbers; he alighted from his car and walked towards them. The suspects felt he was daring them and they shot him.

Nothing was removed from him."