

Kidnappers' stray bullet kills Anambra woman

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An unidentified woman has been killed by a stray bullet from suspected kidnappers at Our Lady's Bus Stop, Nkpor, along the Enugu/Awka/Onitsha old road, in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

It was gathered that the bullets were aimed at a victim of the abductors who was fleeing from his captors before the deceased was hit.

The incident, according to eyewitnesses, occurred at about 9pm on Tuesday.

According to one of the sources, the suspected kidnappers were pursuing the owner of a Honda Crosstour SUV when the incident happened.

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The source said the car owner, while fleeing from the suspected abductors, hit an electric pole beside the road leading to Our Lady's Industrial Centre, jumped out of the vehicle and fled.

It was gathered that while he succeeded in escaping, stray bullets from the suspects killed the woman standing by the roadside.

"The body of the slain woman was removed on Wednesday morning by men of the Ogidi Police Division in an ambulance to a nearby morgue, while the partially smashed SUV belonging to the escaped kidnap victim was driven to the police station," the source said.

All efforts to reach the state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Tochukwu Ikenga, proved abortive as his phone rang without response, but the Divisional Police Officer at Ogidi, Sani Armed, who simply confirmed the incident, said the body of the deceased had been moved to a nearby mortuary, while investigations are in progress.