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Customs officer kidnapped, killed in Imo

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A senior officer of the Customs Service who was reportedly abducted last Sunday in his home town at Umuohoke in Amaigbo Nwangele Local Government Area of Imo State has been shot dead by his captors.

The victim, who until his death was serving in Lagos State had visited his home town in connection with a house project he had embarked on.

A source in the Imo State Customs Command, who pleaded anonymity, said the late customs officer might have been allegedly set up by some of his relations with the intention of extorting money from him.

The source further said: "Some close relation of the customs officer must have masterminded his abduction when he visited his home town to check the progress on the building project he embarked on."

The source further revealed that the deceased had gone to the project site with four of his brothers to inspect the building when he was abducted by four armed men.

It was also learnt that the resistance by the late customs officer from being bundled into the get-away-car had infuriated the leader of the gang, who had aimed a shot at the his leg but missed and hit one of his members.

Angered by the development, the source said the custom officer was said to have been dragged to an area where his abductors shot him dead.

When contacted, the state police command Public Relations Officer, Joy Elomoko (DSP), confirmed the incident but could not say whether the police had made any arrest.

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