

# Assassins murdered Engineer on New Year's Day

**T**he Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Anambra State Police Command has spread the dragnet for two members of a gang that abducted and murdered an engineer on New Year's Day.

The victim, Ikenna Fredrick Nnaemeka, a native of Umufe village, Awka North Local Government Area of Anambra State was kidnapped from his house by a three-man gang of assassins who promptly killed him that same night and dumped his corpse in a bush at Urum.

However, luck ran out on the assassins as a member of the gang, 22-year-old Kingsley Nwabueze was arrested in their bid to escape from the scene with the man's Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV).

Anambra State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Usman Gwary disclosed to *Sunday Sun* that Nwabueze said during interrogation that the gang was allegedly contracted by a former president general of Urum community (name withheld) to commit the evil and cruel act.

According to Gwary, Nwabueze revealed that the ex-president general had promised to pay the gang N1 million for murdering the engineer, who he alleged had refused to transact business with him.

**"We stormed the house of the late engineer on January 1, 2014 around 9.00pm when celebration was going on. We kidnapped him from the house and took him to a bush, where we murdered him. We later dumped his corpse near a building at Urum."**

In a chat with *Sunday Sun*, Nwabueze said: "We stormed the house of the engineer on January 1, 2014 around 9.00pm when the celebration was going on. We kidnapped him from the house and took him to a bush, where we murdered him. We later dumped his corpse near a building at Urum. It was when we were about to escape with his car that I was arrested. We have not been given money."

Nwabueze also gave the names of the other two members of the gang, who are now at large as Ikechukwu Olugbu and Aka Kpako.

Gwary said the corpse of the



•Lifeless body of the engineer

deceased was recovered from the bush, where it was dumped by the assassins and deposited at the Regina Hospital mortuary, Awka, Anambra State.

A distraught daughter of the deceased who spoke with *Sunday Sun* recalled how the suspected assassins suddenly broke into their home while the family was still in celebratory mood on New Year's Day and kidnapped her father. She said: "We were shocked and confused and just didn't know what to make of it. We were still waiting to see if the

kidnappers would contact us to make their demands when the police came the following day and took us to where the kidnappers murdered him in the bush and dumped him near a building. It was then realized our father had been killed by the kidnappers." Meanwhile, Gwary said the Commander of SARS, Supol James Nwafor (CSP) and his team are hot on the heels of the two remaining members who escaped. He promised that very soon they would be arrested and put on trial.



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