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A 36-year-old man, Mr. Emmanuel Egwuatu, has been shot dead by gunmen along Eziokpor Road, Obiaruku in Ukwuani Local Government Area of Delta State.

Egwuatu was said to be waiting for a mechanic he had invited to fix his Honda Accord car with registration number AKD 382 AA when his assailants, who allegedly operated on a motorcycle appeared from the blues and opened fire on him.

Detectives from Obiaruku Divisional Police Station, who stormed the scene after the murder report was

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Already, one suspect (surname withheld) has been arrested in connection with the alleged murder.

Okenedu (33) and another, now at large, were said to have also robbed one Abanum Julius of his army green Toyota Camry car, with registration number BKW 892 AR at gunpoint at the parking lot of Winners Church in Obiaruku.

Confirming the arrest of the suspect, the Public Relations Officer of Delta State Police Command, Celestina Kalu (DSP), said an automobile electrician in the community provided the link that led to the arrest having heard about the snatched Toyota Camry car.

Kalu said: "The auto electrician informed detectives that two young men he could identify if seen took him to fix a faulty army green Toyota Camry car at a lonely spot along Obiaruku/Utagba-Unor road, close to Ebedei village.

"The informant further disclosed that the young men, who could not immediately pay for his workmanship, pledged a handset, promising to pay him later and collect their handset. Based on the information, detectives mounted surveillance and later arrested Okenedu, when he came back to collect the handset from the electrician, while his accomplice escaped.

"One black bag containing one laptop, some documents, Bible and Christian tracts were recovered from the suspect. Information obtained from the laptop revealed that the recovered laptop belonged to Mr. Egwuatu, who was killed the previous night by unknown person(s)."

The police spokesman said the suspect was helping detectives in investigating the two incidents, adding

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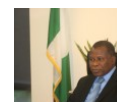
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