

Teenage cultist kills retired headmistress in Benin

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A 65-year old retired headmistress, Mrs. Clara Uwaifo, has been shot dead by a teenage cultist in Benin City.

She was shot dead at the gate of her residence at 27, Oviawe Street, Off Upper Sikeluko Road, Ogida, Benin City, about 3p.m last Wednesday.

The deceased, a widow, who retired as headmistress in Uwelu Primary School, last August, was said to be returning from a hospital, where she had gone to see her daughter who was delivered of a baby when she was shot.

Her granddaughter, (name withheld), who witnessed the killing said she was returning from school when she sighted her grandmother, also approaching the gate with the suspect following her closely.

She explained that as she

paced up to meet her grandmother in order to assist her take one of the bags she was carrying, the teenager pulled out a short gun from under his trousers and shot at her from behind.

The girl identified the suspect as a son of their neighbour whose family has been at loggerheads with the Uwaifos.

It was gathered that members of the suspect's family had severally threatened to kill the woman and the threat was reported at the State Criminal Investigation Department, Edo State Police Command in Benin City, last year.

Confirming the incident, Edo State Police Command spokesman, DSP Abiodun Osifo, identified the suspect as "one Happy Agbangban-yan, a teenage cultist and serial killer on police wanted list", adding that the police was already on his trail.

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