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Enugu: Stray bullet kills man at Ayogu Eze's house

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Tragedy struck yesterday at Umuida community in Igbo-Eze North Local Government Area of Enugu State when a brother to an All Progressives Congress (APC) House of Assembly candidate in the state was allegedly shot dead by a policeman.

The police confirmed the incident but claimed that the victim identified as Onuorah Odoh, may still be alive as he was rushed to an undisclosed hospital in Enugu Ezike.

Sunday Sun gathered that Odoh was accidentally shot by a security operative allegedly attached to Senator Ayogu Eze, the governorship candidate of the APC in yesterday's governorship election.

While Eze and his supporters were in his country-home at Umuida, a Toyota Hiace Bus with registration number ENSG 3069, was said to have driven into his premises occupied by some unknown persons.

It was learnt that the occupants of the vehicle, who claimed to be Election Observers, had demanded to see Eze, but were told that Eze's premises was not a polling unit and that they should visit the polling centres for their observation.

They were said to have gone to the polling units and returned to Eze's compound to see him. Their insistence to see Eze aroused suspicion, which attracted the crowd of supporters in the compound, who immediately conducted a search on the bus to ascertain their real identity and their mission.

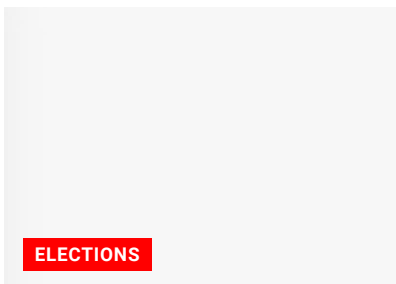
The crowd held them hostage and when the atmosphere became charged, policemen attached to Eze reportedly attempted to calm the situation by shooting into the air. In the process, the gun belonging to one of the policemen reportedly fell off his hand, began to discharge bullets uncontrollably and a stray bullet hit Onuorah on the head.

Onuorah, who was said to have died on the spot, had accompanied his brother on a solidarity visit to Eze's house when the tragedy struck.

When contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Ebere Amaraizu, confirmed the incident, but could not say if the victim was dead, saying he was told that the victim was rushed to the hospital. He said that the police was investigating the incident



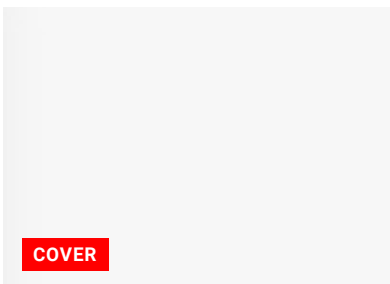
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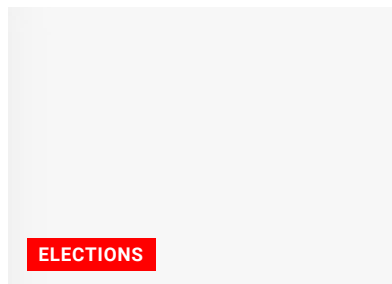
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