

# Gunmen kill Ebonyi councillor

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**Gunmen yesterday killed the Councillor representing Achara Ward 2 in Okposi Community, Ohaozara Local Government Area of Ebonyi State, Mr. Ogbonnaya Ugwu, popularly known as SPACO.**

It was gathered that Ugwu was killed around 10pm last Saturday, as he was returning from his shop, a drinking joint known in Okposi as Angle 90.

Sources in Okposi, who confirmed the incident to Daily Sun in Abakaliki, yesterday morning, said Ugwu was accosted by the gunmen around the Okposi Court Area junction.

One of the sources, who didn't want his name mentioned, said: "The honourable councillor was accosted while he was returning from his shop, a popular drinking joint in Okposi, known as Angle 90. He was driving in his official vehicle, a Toyota Corolla when they shot him and he swerved the car into the gutter. And they set his car ablaze with him inside, and left the scene.

“As I am talking to you now (Sunday morning), Mgbom n’ Achara youths in Okposi are currently protesting over the incident,” he said.

It was gathered that before the killing of Ugwu, gunmen had been terrorising the Okposi community.

Daily Sun learnt that in October 2022, gunmen killed an Ebubeagu operative known as Joseph Nwanja, from the community.

Also, on February 23, 2023, gunmen on a motorbike equally struck at the Court Area Okposi, and killed a popular bread seller known as Ogbo.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer for Ebonyi Command, Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident, adding that the matter was reported to the command yesterday morning.

She said: “Yes, we received the report of the incident at the command this morning. It actually happened Saturday night. We have commenced an investigation. We will get back to the press after the investigation.”