

Masked gunmen kill land investor, abduct wife in Imo

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Masked Gunmen have killed a land investor and abducted his wife in Owerri, Imo State .

The incident happened about 4pm on Sunday at Irete Road, Golden Estate, Abba Father Avenue in Umuguma, Owerri West Local Government Area of the state.

A source, who spoke on the condition of anonymity told our correspondent that the couple were traveling in their Highlander SUV when the tragedy occurred.

They were said to be in company with two land agents to inspect a piece of land they had bought when they were attacked by the masked gunmen.

According to the source, "the man was driving with his wife and two agents in his Highlander SUV, when masked men carrying guns attacked them. He escaped while they held his wife. He later returned to check the whereabouts of his wife. They tried to kidnap him but it seems he resisted them and they killed him immediately and abducted his wife.

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“They moved into the forest with his wife and abandoned his vehicle at the scene of the crime. The two agents escaped and I learnt one of them sustained injuries. Policemen later arrived the scene and evacuated the corpse.”

He said that nobody has been able to know the identities of the couple as of the time of filing this report.

Imo state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) Henry Okoye, disclosed that the command had swung into action with a view to rescuing the woman and arresting the suspects.

Okoye said: “The Command is aware of this unfortunate incident and has commenced a vigorous operation to uncover the miscreants responsible for the act and ensure they face the full wrath of the law.”

Meanwhile, the Area Commander in charge of Owerri Urban, ACP Mike Abattam and team of policemen were conducting an intensive combing of the forest in line with the directive of the state Commissioner of police, with the aim of rescuing the kidnapped woman.”