

Okowa's aide's mother-in-law, orderly killed

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Gunmen have shot dead the mother-in-law of the Principal Secretary to the Delta State governor, Mr. Hilary Ibegbulem, and her orderly in Benin, Edo State.

It was learnt in Asaba yesterday that the victims were cruising in their Sport Utility Vehicle (SUV) to the airport in the Heart Beat state when the incident occurred.

The hoodlums were said to have blocked the victims' vehicle on the popular bypass in Benin.

Ibegbulem, who a Government House, Asaba, source, said arrived a few days ago from his London trip, was

said to have been taken by surprise.

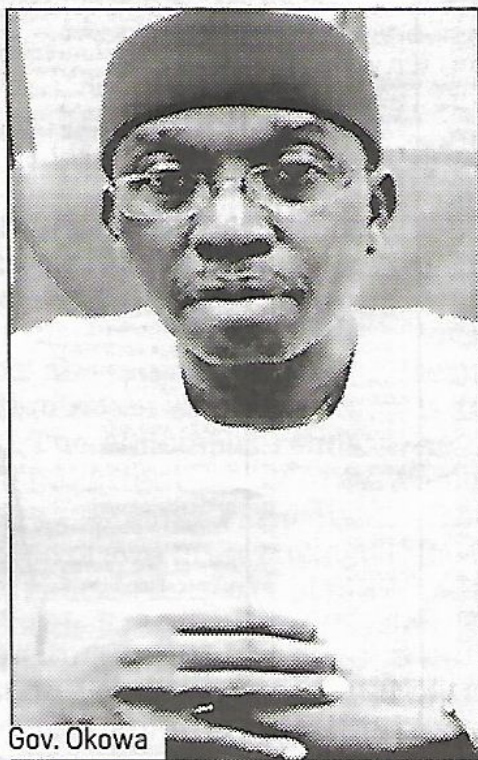
The attack was also said to have thrown Governor Ifeanyi Okowa, who is smarting from the alleged \$10 million money laundering saga, into shock.

The source said the driver of the SUV, who was the driver of former Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan's wife, Roli, before he was reassigned to Ibegbulem's mother-in-law, escaped into the bush during the attack.

"He dashed into the bush to escape being killed," the source said.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Andrew Aniamaka, who confirmed this, described the attack as "unfortunate".

He said: "A policeman, attached to the Government House, was killed."



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