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# Gunmen kill Abia Poly's final year student



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Students and lecturers at the Abia State Polytechnic, Aba, have been thrown into confusion as a yet-to-be-identified final year student of the institution has reportedly being killed by gunmen. The incident, which occurred at Umuatako community off Aba-Owerri Road, caused pandemonium in the area as residents and shop owners fled to evade police arrest

. Sources said after shooting the victim, the gunmen ensured that he died before they left the scene. Some of the residents said that the victim was said to be a final year student of School of Business, Management and Technology (SBMT). Students in the lodge where the victim was residing could not be reached, but occupants of other nearby lodges, who pleaded anonymity, said when the news about the student's death filtered into town, most of the occupants left their rooms for their friends' nearby hostels. It was learnt that the gunmen, who were seven, carried out the attack unchallenged.

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Meanwhile, residents of Umuatako have called on security agencies in Aba to step up surveillance in the area, citing several cases of rival cult activities in the community which had put lives of people at risk.



The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Geoffrey Ogbonna, could not be reached at press time. But a senior police officer in Aba said that they would investigate the incident and get back to our correspondent as soon as possible.

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