

Gunmen kill ex-Enyimba FC player in Aba

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Gunmen have killed a former footballer with the Enyimba International Football Club, Christian Jacob, in Aba, Abia State.

It was learnt that Jacob was killed on Umuola Road, in the crime-prone Ogbor Hill axis of Aba about 7.30p.m. on Wednesday.

Witnesses said the football star was accosted by the gunmen who demanded his handset before he was shot.

However, it was not known whether the footballer popularly known as Nkita-ara (Mad Dog) resisted their demand before he was killed.

It was, however, learnt that Jacob died soon after the shooting before medical attention could reach him.

During his active footballing days, Jacob played for Enyimba FC of Aba and Iwuanyanwu Nationale of Owerri before moving abroad for better opportunities in football.

Jacob's career was, however, cut short by persistent injuries which forced him to return to Nigeria.

Reacting to his death, some residents of Ogbor Hill, where he was a household name, described Jacob as an easy going person and wondered why someone would kill him.

"Nkita-ara, was an easy going man. We were shocked. We wonder why someone could pull a gun to kill him.

"The police and other security agencies should rise up to the increasing insecurity in Aba, especially Ogbor Hill," a resident said.

Meanwhile, the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, said the incident had been reported to the police.



Jacob