

Tonye Cole's campaign coordinator in Rivers LG shot dead

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A stalwart of the All Progressives Congress (APC) in Rivers State, Chisom Lenard, has been shot dead in Ahoada-West Local Government Area of the state by suspected political thugs loyal to the Peoples Democratic Party (PDP).

Lenard, the campaign coordinator of Tonye Cole, the governorship candidate of the party in the council area, was said to have been killed while he attempted to prevent thugs in police camouflage from hijacking election materials during the governorship poll.

Sources said that after the thugs shot at Lenard, a chartered surveyor, and the leader of Ward 10 in the council area, they then took his body away and dumped it by the roadside.

The death of the APC chief, who hailed from the Ubeta community in the council area, is captured in a viral video posted online.

The spokesman of APC in Rivers, Darlington Nwauju, has confirmed the murder of Lenard.

However, the spokesperson of the state police command, Grace Iringe-Koko, said she was yet to confirm the incident from the DPO of Akinima, headquarters of Ahoada West.