





## Gunmen Attack Church, Shoot Pastor, Kill Wife In Edo

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Gunmen suspected to be assassins on Monday invaded a church, God’s Vineyard of Grace Dominion Assembly, located at 101, Upper Lawani Street, New Benin, Benin City, Edo State shooting the pastor and killing his wife. The pastor’s Assistant also sustained injuries on his head during the rain of bullets at about 7:36 pm on Monday, August 14, 2023. The police identified the cleric as Rev. Dr. Samuel Chinyereugo, and his deceased wife, Mrs. Peace Chinyereugo.

It was learnt that the gunmen had trailed the cleric, who drove in company of his wife to the church where they rained bullets on them as soon as they pulled over in front of the church. Some members of the church, including the Assistant pastor, who were outside the church having rehearsal ahead of a programme scheduled to commence on Wednesday, when the pastor and his wife stopped by had to scamper for safety.

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The cleric was quoted to have said that he had earlier noticed a car trailing him inside GRA, where he had visited his friend and that he was shocked to see the same vehicle suddenly pulled over behind him in front of his church. It was also learnt that one of the three armed men who alighted from the car, had approached the Pastor, snatched the cross pendant on his necklace as the two other assailants opened fire from the rear.

The Pastor’s wife was fatally hit by bullets during the shooting and she died at the hospital a few hours later, while her husband and his deputy, were treated and discharged. When contacted, the Police image maker, Edo State Command, SP Chidi Nwabuzor said operatives of the Command has begun a full-scale investigation to apprehend those behind the act and bring them to justice.

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