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Fear grips Enugu community as gunmen kill Ogbete Main Market chairman

Fear has gripped parts of Enugu metropolis as suspected assassins Saturday night shot dead the Chairman of Ogbete Main Market Traders Association (OMMATA), Enugu, Stephen Aniagu.

The gunmen reportedly shot Aniagu multiple times, riddling his head and body with bullets, killing him instantly around 7pm

at Moses Ogbodo Junction, near Topland Market in the Amaechi area of Enugu South Local Government.

Sources said Aniagu was likely to be on his way home after the close of the day's market.

"We heard gunshots and ran for

safety. When we emerged from hiding a few minutes later, we found his lifeless body on the ground, and his car was missing.

"His body was riddled with bullets; he was shot multiple times by his attacker," the source, who wished to remain anonymous, said.

However, reacting to the development, the Enugu State Police Command in a statement released to journalists yesterday by the command's spokesperson, DSP Daniel Ndukwe, said that

their "Operatives are on the trail of the armed assailants."

According to him: "A preliminary investigation reveals that the hoodlums, operating in a Toyota Corolla car, double-crossed and shot the victim, making away with his blue-coloured Toyota Corolla car. He was taken to the hospital by police operatives who hastened to the scene, but was confirmed dead by doctors. His corpse was deposited in the mortuary for preservation and

further investigative actions."

Ndukwe added that, "The Commissioner of Police, CP Kanayo Uzuegbu, has ordered tactical squads of the Command that are on the trail of the assailants to deploy all the intelligence and operational resources at their disposal to hunt the criminals down. He also orders the Deputy Commissioner of Police in charge of the State CID to conduct a discreet investigation to unravel the circumstances of the incident."

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tember 7, led to the arrest of Mrs. Adewunmi in Ibadan where she deals in foodstuffs and cargo export. In his statement, the agent Owu-

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