

Assassins Kill Dutch over \$50,000 Deal

From Ahamefula Ogbu in Port Harcourt, 09.03.2007

A Dutch, Mr Tony Kouwanhoven, was yesterday morning killed by assassins who invaded his 79 Evo Road residence in Port Harcourt.

Kouwanhoven, who before his death ran Blue Café Restaurant on Olu Obasanjo Street, is said to have been in the city long enough to become a household name and would have been taken for a Nigerian were it not for his colour.

Commissioner of Police in the State, Mr Felix Ogbaudu, confirmed to THISDAY that the assassins left a note where they claimed that they gave the deceased \$50,000 to buy cars for them, but he allegedly neither delivered the car nor refunded the money.

"He was killed this morning and we have confirmed that he is a Dutch, who has lived in the state for a very long time. He is the proprietor of Blue Café Restaurant and was killed in his house. My men are there to tidy up things and take his body to the mortuary," Ogbaudu said.

It was not clear if he was alone in the house when the assailants called, as there was no sign of any other person in the house when he was killed.

The police said it has commenced investigation, though the likelihood of tracing the killers through the transaction may be n uphill task unless there will be records detailing the alleged car deal that turned sour.

A police source however said the killers may have used the alleged note on car deal to cover their tracks as everything points to assassination as he was shot at point blank range while there was no sign of any scuffle before he died.

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