

Robbers' bullets kill medical doctor

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BENIN—A 29-year-old medical practitioner, Dr. Nelson Idehen, who was last Wednesday hit by a stray bullet from the guns of an armed robbers that waylaid a bullion van at Egba Junction, in Uhunmwode Local Government Area of Edo State, yesterday died from injuries sustained from the attack.

Dr. Idehen, who was the Head of the Health Department of the Uhunmwode Local Government Area, was on his way to inspect Health Centres and maternities within the locality when the incident occurred.

Vanguard gathered that the bullion van which was coming from Auchi in Edo North to Benin was attacked by heavily armed robbers at the famous Egba Junction usually manned by heavily armed policemen on stop and check, but were not there on that day.

Edo State Police Command Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Peter Ogboi (ASP), when contacted, confirmed the attack on the bullion van.

He disclosed that the immediate response of the police to the scene who engaged the armed robbers in a shoot out, saved the bullion van from being robbed.

He added that the robbers were forced to flee into the bus and abandoned a Toyota Bus in which they came.

A relation of the Late Dr. Idehen and former chairman of the Edo State Council of the Nigeria Union of Journalists (NUJ), Mr. Ranslay Abu Osagie, described the Late Physician as friendly and was always ready to ensure that community health centres under his care were adequately catered for.