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Tony Nyong

A POLICE corporal, Mr. David Daniel Etuk from Utu Edem Urua in Abak Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom State has been shot dead by some persons suspected to be members of an armed robbery gang.

The officer, working with the Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS) was killed inside his car in front of his family house at #40 hospital Road Abak as he was about stepping out of his car at about 4 p.m of Tuesday 9th September, 2008.

Etuk whom Vanguard gathered was very brilliant and the brain behind the police success in combating most of the robbery cases in the state may have been trailed by the robbers, unnoticed, because of the busy road that is under construction by Julius Berger Company until when he got to the frontage of his house.

According to an eyewitness, the robbers who came on two motorcycles, led by the one that was masked, with the other three who were unmasked, short at the chest of the fallen officer and after the bullet proof prevented their getting at him, emptied the bullets into his head while they waited to confirm he was dead before leaving the scene.

The eyewitness further said the masked robber was armed with AK47 gun, and narrated how the leader of the gang gave the order to the other three saying "kill this man, he killed my brother" and then watched the men emptied their bullets on the police officer, and thereafter striped him of the bullet proof, and left after the operation which according to him took up to thirty minutes.

The officer who joined the force in 1990 it was reliably gathered, knew most of the robbery gangs and was really helping the police eliminate them and was to resume his leave on Monday 15th September, 2008 before the armed bandits killed him.

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The Police Public Relations Officer Mr. Gabriel Ngban could however not be reached before filling this report.

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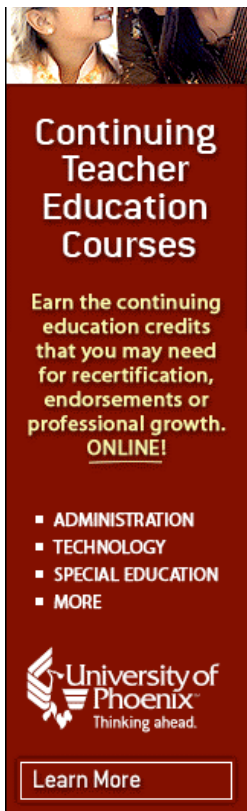
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