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Gunmen kill businessman in Lagos

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LAGOS — A businessman identified as Chief Bright Igwegbu, was yesterday shot dead by unknown gunmen at Mile Two area of Lagos.

It could, however, not be ascertained whether the gunmen were robbers or assassins, as the Police said they had commenced investigation into the killing.

The late Igwegbu popularly known as Aku or Bruzel, who hailed from Imo State, was reportedly driving in his ML 450 Sports Utility Vehicle, SUV, when his assailants were said to have emerged from nowhere and shot him in the neck and head.

Vanguard gathered that the graduate of Economics from Ogun State University, whose family is based in Houston, Texas, was billed to visit his family next week.

It was also learnt that before the tragic incident, Igwegbu, on two occasions, had close shave with death. The first incident, according to family sources, occurred six weeks ago after some gunmen suspected to be robbers attempted to attack him, but he managed to escape.

The second incident occurred three weeks ago after he was involved in a fatal motor accident.

Family sources, who spoke on condition of anonymity said: "Three weeks ago, he went to a pharmacy in Festac Town to get some drugs and was inside his car when all of a sudden, a car hit his vehicle. He escaped death by the whiskers and that was the second time."

Meanwhile, back in Huston Taxas, news of the tragic incident was broken to his family by some close friends.

When Vanguard visited the deceased's apartment on First Avenue, 'V' Close, some sympathizsers were seen outside the gate discussing the development with the gate locked.

Efforts to reach the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Ngozi Braide, failed as her telephone rang severally without response.

However, Police sources told Vanguard that some arrests had been made, adding that it was too early to give details of the incident as investigation was on-going.

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