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## Bride, groom shot dead on wedding eve

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A man and woman set to be joined in holy matrimony in Enugu were, yesterday, shot dead by gunmen suspected to be cult members.

Three other persons including the manager of a filling station were shot dead during the sporadic shooting by the unknown assailants who had laid siege on Abakpa and Trans-Ekulu area of Enugu.

The incident occurred Friday night at a filling station close to Dhamija Bridge opposite Our Lord's Chosen Church, Trans-Ekulu on the Enugu – Onitsha Expressway.

Sources said the gunmen trailed the couple, who were finalizing arrangements for their wedding yesterday, to the filling station where they were said to be buying fuel.

The gunmen were said to have, on arrival at the station, shot sporadically at the bride and groom who were in their car buying fuel and they reportedly died on the spot.

The manager of the filling station, a pump attendant and another person buying fuel at the time were also shot dead by the gunmen who immediately thereafter fled in their waiting vehicle.

Enugu State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, confirmed the incident when contacted yesterday. "There was an incident that led to the death of some people following sporadic shooting by suspected hoodlums before the arrival of security operatives and we have put measures on ground to unmask them," he said.

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