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Robbers kill ex-general's daughter

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Investor and Delta State governorship hopeful, Olorogun O'Tega Emerhor, has condemned insecurity in the country following Friday's killing of Franca, daughter of Brig. Gen. Dominic Oneya (rtd) by armed robbers in Effurun in Uvwie Local Government Area of the state.

The former Kano and Plateau States military administrator's daughter, a mother of four, was said to have been ambushed by gunmen who shot her dead at Ovie Palace Road after dispossessing her of about N200,000 she had withdrawn minutes earlier from a bank along PTI Road.

Sunday Vanguard gathered that the incident occurred at about 10.30am while Oneya, also one-time President of the Nigerian Football Association, was attending the funeral of Gen. Patrick Aziza, the late President General of the Urhobo Progress Union at Adagbrasa in Okpe Council Area.

A resident of Effurun recounted the incident: "It happened by KW Junction. Gunshots rented the air as residents and bystanders scrambled for cover. The shooters disappeared before we were able to reach the crime scene.

"A neighbor with whom we rushed in identified the dead victim in a pool of blood in the Honda Accord in which she was driving as the daughter of a notable politician who turned out to be Gen. Oneya whose GRA residence is nearby. Apparently, the daughter was heading home from bank and the killers actually got away through Oneya Close", the statement said.

In a chat with Sunday Vanguard, yesterday, O'Tega, who lost his son in a similar incident in Lagos years back, said, "I was with him (Oneya) last night! It is a horrible and devastating incident.

"And it highlights our state of insecurity. A vibrant young woman went to the bank and never returned alive. Our hearts bleed! Only God can console General Oneya. Our prayers are with the family."

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Celestina Kalu, confirmed the incident, vowing that the state command would ensure that the killers are apprehended.