

## Nigeria: Fulani Herdsmen Kill Woman in Enugu Robbery Attack

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Enugu — The sleepy town of Nkpologu community in Uzo-Uwani Local Government Area of Enugu State, has been thrown into mourning following news of the death of a young woman on New Year eve, during a Fulani herdsmen robbery attack on a commuter bus.

The deceased, Veronica Ezugwu, 20, from Agum village, Nkpologu community was pronounced dead at Annunciation Hospital, Emene, Enugu.

She had sustained several gunshot injuries during a robbery attack on a commuter bus conveying the victim and three other occupants of the bus home for Christmas on December 24, 2014.

The incident occurred at Camp Bus Stop, Nkpologu community at 12.54p.m.

According to an eyewitness, three Fulani herdsmen, armed with short pump action double-barrelled guns, sprang from the bush and started shooting at the bus.

The bus driver escaped into the bush with gunshot wounds, while two other occupants sustained minor injuries.

According to the eyewitness, "Veronica was hit on the head and eyes and her brain tissues immediately came out."

Contacted, the cousin to the deceased, Chinedu Ezugwu, said: "She was rushed to University of Nigeria Teaching Hospital, UNTH, Ituku-Ozalla, Enugu, immediately. But we could not get medical attention following the industrial action embarked upon by health workers.

"We took her to Annunciation Hospital on December 25, she was operated on and the bullets were removed. Eventually she died on New Year eve.

"We are yet to come to terms with the sad development. She was coming home for Christmas and had got to the bus stop to her village. I do not think we will ever recover from this."

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