

million in trying to ensure that there is electricity in the area."

Eyo told *Vanguard*: "When I steal the cable, I have an Alhaji at Bogobiri that comes with his vehicle as early as 3a.m. to carry the items and pay me cash."

Confusion as gunmen kill man in Owerri

By Chidi Nkwopara

OWERRI—THERE was stampede and confusion as a man suspected to be in his late 20s was on Sunday night shot dead by unidentified gunmen in Owerri, Imo State capital.

The deceased, who was identified as Chibuike Omaka, alias Mbele, was also said to hail from Ohafia in Abia State, but resides somewhere along Old Nekede Road, with members of his family.

Although it was not clear at press time the destination of



A suspected gunrunner from Saki, in Oyo State, paraded with arms and ammunition recovered from him, yesterday.
PHOTO: Dare Fasube.

the deceased, investigations revealed that Omaka was gunned down at a point opposite FCMB Bank, along Mbaise Road, Owerri.

While some people claimed that the incident was a war between rival cult groups, others claimed that late Omaka was a terror to the inhabitants of Old Nekede Road.

It was also gathered that Omaka migrated to Lagos since last year, but probably returned to Owerri to cast his vote in the just-concluded presidential and National

Assembly elections.

A man, who claimed to be an eyewitness, said: "The late man was trying to board a commercial tricycle, Keke NAPEP, with a young lady when the unidentified assassins struck."

"The four gun-wielding young men shot him at close range. He died on the spot, while the gunmen quickly escaped."

Vanguard gathered that a team of policemen arrived the scene shortly afterwards and moved the late man's remains to an unknown mortuary.