

# News

## Panel beater shot dead, another wounded over kidnap attempt in Enugu

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**NSUKKA**—A panel beater at Obollo-Afor in Udenu Local Government Area of Enugu State has been shot dead while his colleague was badly wounded in an attempt to kidnap a returnee from Europe in his country home at Amube, Enugu-Ezike.

Vanguard gathered that the two kidnappers had been terrorising inhabitants of the area, raping and robbing unsuspecting victims of their valuables till the attempt to kidnap the returnee at his building site.

The suspects, identified as Tessa Iyong, 34, sustained bullet wounds and several machete cuts, and Seso Nyoaku, a panel beater and father of four. Both hail from Benue State.

Nyoaku was shot dead while fleeing as the police accosted them, with support from local vigilante group in the area.

Vanguard investigations revealed that the kidnappers were dropped by a motorcycle at the building site of the returnee whose identity could not be ascertained at the time of this report, met a young man with a metallic Toyota Camry, and enquired if he was the owner of the building under construction.

It was further learned that when the young man said he came to see the owner of the project, the suspects disbelieved him because of his physical frame, pointed a gun at him and demanded his car keys which he surrendered without hesitation and they drove away.

Workers at the site were said to have immediately put calls across to Igbo-Eze North police division that a car had been snatched at Amube, prompting pursuit of the suspects.

It was gathered that the kidnappers abandoned the vehicle and fled into the bush, exchanging gun fire with the

police.

The vigilante group in the community reportedly cordoned off the bush path, making it possible for the police to apprehend the suspects with gunshot wounds, even as an English made pistol was recovered from them.

One of the suspects, Tessa Iyong, told Vanguard that their mission was not to kidnap the returnee from Europe but to rob him of cash as they understood

that he carried cash to the site as he paid his workers on daily basis.

Iyong explained that his dead accomplice, Seso, was the one who brought the job since he understood the terrain as a panel beater who had lived at Obollo-Afor for sometime.

"We snatched the Toyota Camry to escape from the area, our intention was not to steal the car but to escape in it because the motorcycle that

dropped us had left and we cannot trek to do that kind of work, it is risky.

"We know and that was why we took the car from the owner, although we thought he was the actual owner of the building when we struck," he said.

The Area Commander, Nsukka police command, ACP Musa Haladu, praised the efforts of men and officers of Igbo-Eze South police division for quick response to the distress call that saved the situation at Amube.



**BRIEFING:** From left, Director, Registration and Regulatory Affairs, Dr. Monica Eimunjeze, Director-General, Dr. Paul Orhii and Head, Investigation and Enforcement, Kingsley Ejiofor all of National Agency for Food and Drugs Administration and Control, NAFDAC, at a briefing on the seizures of fake wines and other regulated products and parade of some arrested fake wine dealers in Lagos, yesterday. Photo: Biodun Ogunleye.

## As man stabs brother to death in Imo

A village in Imo State, where a man stabbed his brother to death, was reported by Vanguard. The incident occurred in a village in Imo State, where a man stabbed his brother to death. The incident occurred in a village in Imo State, where a man stabbed his brother to death. The incident occurred in a village in Imo State, where a man stabbed his brother to death.

## Deaf & dumb man