

**A**rmed robbers, recently, invaded Nru Community in the university town of Nsukka, Enugu State, gunned down a popular palm wine seller, shot and shattered beyond recognition the legs of a choir master of Holy Redeemer Catholic Church in the parish and brutalized many others before disappearing into air.

*Crime Guard* gathered that the robbers in their numbers, invaded the community at the wee hours of the night, made straight to the shop of the palm wine seller identified simply as Attah Jude Ikechukwu, a.k.a Warrior, and robbed him of cash after eating his pot of goat meat pepper soup. The bandits then pumped bullets into his body and abandoned him in the pool of his blood. He reportedly died a few minutes later at Nsukka Medical Centre, while the Holy Redeemer choir master had his legs shattered with bullets. He was rushed to an unidentified hospital before being relocated to a bone-setter local clinic at Orba, Udenu Local Government Area of the state.

Investigations revealed that the robbers entered the community when the police-assisted neighbourhood watch were yet to settle down for the day's operations in the community. They reportedly held the community spellbound, robbing with reckless abandon, maiming while ransacking the community from house to house.

A dependable source in the community who would not want his name in print told *Crime Guard* that the hoodlums came into the community, shooting sporadically into the air to scare people but later aimed at human beings by killing 'Warrior' after which they shot the choir master. According to him, the invasion of the robbers has thrown the community into grief, confusion and heightened anxiety as fear of the unknown enveloped the community and its environs following the death of the palm wine seller.

"The palm wine seller who hailed from the community and had run his business for several years in the

# Bandits lay siege to Enugu community

• Kill palm wine seller, shoot choirmaster



• Jude



• Emmanuel



• Attah, Chairman of Nru Town Union, Lagos.

with him", said the source. "What could warrant the robbers shooting him to death still remains surprising and unbelievable to the residents and inhabitants of the community."

The traditional ruler of the community, HRH Igwe Sylvanus Arumah said that the entire community was still confused over the fate of the victims. He

about his business without hurting a fly, adding that the invasion by the robbers was the first of its kind since the history of the autonomous community.

Igwe Arumah, however, appealed to both the Area Command, Nsukka Urban Police Division and the community neighbourhood watch to extend its dragnets to all the nooks and crannies of the university town of

robbers that threw the community