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Uyo—THE Village Head of Ikot [Anta](#) Eneng Obom in Ukanafun Local Government Area of Akwa Ibom, Chief Emmanuel Umahaeyo, has been killed by two gunmen suspected to [be hired](#) assassins.



It was learned that Umahaeyo, who was shot twice in his compound, Tuesday evening, by the gunmen riding on a motorcycle, died on the spot.

Umahaeyo, who assumed leadership in December 2010, was said to be having a running battle with some youths in the village.

A villager, who did not want his name mentioned, told newsmen that the two gunmen, who later headed to Nkek Urua Akpan Udosen, a neighbouring village, also shot and killed two other persons at the border, thinking they were indigenes of Ikot Anta, in an attempt to cover up their crime.

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, ASP Cordelia Nwawe, who confirmed the incident, said: "Investigation is ongoing. We are looking into it. That is all I can say for now.

"You cannot give out information when you are not sure. We have to investigate that matter properly, then come out with a [full story](#). For now, people should go about their normal lawful businesses without fear."

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