

Suspected assassins kill banker in Udu

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.....A Church leader called him out, says family member

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WARRI—TRAGEDY struck, Sunday night, at Ekete Waterside of Udu Council Area as a 41-year-old banker, Tunde Kolawole, was murdered in cold-blood by yet-to-be identified suspected assassins.

The incident, Vanguard gathered, occurred at about 9p.m. near his house at Jenny School Road on his way home from a private meeting.

A family source, who spoke to Vanguard at the victim's house, said that late Kolawole was called at about 7p.m. for a private meeting by a church leader.

The family member said: "At about 7pm, my brother got a call from a church elder to a private meeting. Later at about 9p.m., when I was returning to the house, someone told me that somebody had been killed in the street.

"So I called my brother on phone, but another person picked the call and said that the owner of the phone is dead and that I should not call the number again.

"I rushed home and was told that his body was taken to Ovwian/Aladja Police Station. We rushed there to identify his corpse before police deposited it in the morgue."

Another relative, who corroborated the report, added that he suspected assassination because only late Kolawole's phone was taken away, while the money in his pockets were intact.

Contacted on phone, DSP [Andrew](#) Aniamaka, Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, pleaded that a text message be sent as he was in a meeting. But at press time, he was yet to respond to the text.