

Went after Sami Adu and arrested

Vigilante member lynched over death of community leader in Delta

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UGHELLI—A member of Ukpiovwin, Udu Local Government Area, Delta State, local vigilante team, Mr David Power, was weekend, beaten to death after his pump-action gun exploded and killed the immediate past President General of the community, Mr Fredrick Ighoshemusua.

The incident, it was gathered, occurred at the community's secondary school during the swearing-in

ceremony of a new executive committee of the community.

Giving details of the incident, a source said the tenure of Ighoshemusua as President-General of the community had expired and had successfully handed over to his successor.

According to the source, "while the celebration was on, the out-gone PG left for his house. After some time, it was discovered that the man was no longer there and they sent for him to take part in a group photograph.

"It was in the process of taking the group photograph that the vigilante member started shooting into the air in celebration. At a point, his pump-ac-

tion gun did not respond. He brought the gun down and was trying to fix it when it exploded and bullets hit the outgone President General's chest and he died on the spot.

"When the vigilante man saw what happened, he quickly took a motorcycle and headed to the police station to report the matter, but some angry youths gave him a hot chase and stopped him at the railway line. They took him back to the community and beat him to death."

Contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer of the state command confirmed the incident, saying Ighoshemusua was 51 years of age.