

# Gunmen kill man on his wedding eve in Anambra

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**A** WKA- Tragedy struck at Ihiala at the weekend when a young man in his early 30s whose name was given as Bright, was shot by gunmen on the eve of his wedding in Ihiala town in Anambra State.

It was gathered that Bright had gone to pick up his wife, Chinwendu at Ihiala in the company of his would-be best man and the chief bridesmaid and all of them were returning to Uli, also in Ihiala local government area when the incident happened.

According to his younger brother who narrated the incident, Bright was carrying one of the bridesmaids, while his would-be best man carried Bright's wife.

His brother said: "Bright was following the convoy of the motorcycles behind. He stopped at Ezego junction, Ihiala to put fuel in his motorcycle, but little did he know that he was headed to a destination beyond this realm.

"His best man and others who were riding ahead of him thought that he was coming behind until they got to Abbott Boys Secondary School, Ihiala along the Onitsha-Owerri road when they discovered that Bright was not following them.

"His best man called his telephone number, but his line was no longer going through. Out of curiosity, his best man reversed his bike and went in search of him to find out why he (Bright) slowed down.

"The man got the shock of his life when, on getting to Ezego junction, he saw Bright lying in his pool of blood. He found out that Bright was shot twice in the head along the Onitsha- Ihiala -Uli expressway, just opposite Sky Prince petrol station near Okohia junction."

He said that eyewitnesses at the scene confirmed that the yet-to-be-identified assailants, who were two in number, came from behind him riding in a motorcycle and shot him.

His brother further confirmed that the assailants commanded him to stop and hand over everything in his possession, including his phones, and other belongings, as well as the motorcycle he was riding in, adding that they took all the items and still killed.

"Anybody who knows Bright can attest to the fact that he will readily hand his food to you just for peace to reign. These hoodlums took from him everything in his possession, including the food in a flask that they were going to eat that night.

"Even when he pleaded with them to let him live as he was about to wed, they shot their ears and hearts and denied him the singular joy of being a husband and a hap-