

Gunmen kill police inspector in Edo



A Police Inspector attached to the **Ekiador Area Command** has been shot dead by gunmen driving in a black Lexus RX jeep.

Names of the deceased Policeman was not released as at press time.

The incident happened along the Ugbowo–Lagos highway, near Ekosodin Junction in Ovia North-East local government area.

It was learnt that the deceased Police Inspector was on a routine stop-and-search operation in the area when he was killed.

He was said to have approached the vehicle driven by the gunmen when the occupants suddenly stopped, stepped out, and opened fire on him at close range.

His service rifle was reportedly taken away.

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The killing led to a brief exchange of gunfire between the assailants and other police operatives on duty in the area.

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Edo State Police Command spokesman, Moses Yamu, said the incident occurred at about 12:00 noon when an unregistered, black, heavily tinted Lexus SUV approached the checkpoint and refused to stop when flagged down by police operatives.

He said the Command has launched a full-scale investigation and intensified manhunt for the perpetrators.

” All available intelligence and operational assets have been mobilised to track down the suspects and ensure that they are brought to justice.”

“The Commissioner of Police, CP Monday Agbonika, calls on members of the public to remain vigilant and report any sighting of a vehicle matching the description to the nearest police station or through the Command’s emergency hotlines, 08037646272 or 08077773721.”

