

POS operator shot dead by armed robbers in Edo

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A gang of gunmen suspected to be armed robbers attacked a POS operator, Raphael Eletanye, aged 38, on January 3, which led to his death.

According to an eyewitness account, the deceased was at his business location along Murtala Muhammed Way, at Upper Uwa Junction, when he was attacked at about 9:50 pm.

The source stated that the robbers were operating in an unregistered white minibus.

The Edo State Command PPRO, Eno Ikoedem, confirmed the incident in a statement.

She said, “On 3rd January, 2026, at about 9:50 pm, the Command received a distress call from Upper Uwa Junction along MM Way reporting that an armed robbery incident involved a POS operator, one Raphael Eletanye, aged 38.

“The unknown armed men operated in an unregistered white minibus. The Divisional Police Officer, Esigie Division, was immediately mobilised to the scene.

“The victim was immediately rushed to the hospital, but he was confirmed dead.

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“A preliminary investigation revealed that the victim was shot in the thigh before the assailants carted away an unspecified amount of cash.”

Ikoedem noted that the state Commissioner of Police, Monday Agbonika, had ordered a thorough investigation into the incident, and efforts were ongoing to identify and apprehend the perpetrators.

He urged members of the public with useful information to contact the Command through the 24/7 active emergency numbers.

PUNCH Metro reports that the state command reaffirmed its commitment to ensure armed robbery incidents and other crimes are brought down.

The command said it continues to work with sister security outfits to keep the state safe for law-abiding citizens. I

Similarly, the state government has announced the purchase and distribution of security vehicles and other equipment to police and other security outfits.