

Gunmen rob, kill PoS operator in Imo

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File: Police Public Relations Officer for Imo State, DSP Henry Okoye

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Gunmen on Sunday robbed and shot dead a Point-of-Sale operator, identified simply as Daniel, near the Everyday Supermarket in the World Bank area of Owerri, the Imo State capital.

Daniel, an indigene of Ndegwu in the Orogwe community, Owerri West Local Government Area of the state, was attacked at his business location on Sunday evening.

A source said the victim, who was reportedly the only son of his family, had previously been robbed and was still recovering from the financial loss before the latest incident that claimed his life.

The source, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said Daniel was accosted by the gunmen who demanded his money bag and shot him when he resisted, after which they fled with the cash.

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Another source, Philip Dike, said the incident had heightened concerns that POS operators were being specifically targeted in the New Owerri and World Bank areas.

“This young man was a POS operator stationed near the Everyday Supermarket, World Bank, Owerri. He was shot dead by armed robbers on Sunday night,” Dike said.

“There is a growing trend of POS agents being targeted within New Owerri and the World Bank. The police should act swiftly to apprehend those responsible and ensure they are brought to justice,” he added.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer for Imo State, DSP Henry Okoye, said he would confirm the incident and revert, but had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.