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## Gunmen target Dep. Gov. Etiaba

**A**GAIN, Anambra State deputy governor, Dame Virgy Etiaba has escaped assassination by unknown gunmen who allegedly attacked her convoy on Nimo-Nneni road, Monday night.

However, police in the state have ruled out assassination attempt, saying it was purely a robbery incident.

This is coming barely a week after her convoy was attacked by a mad man on the same route.

The bandits, *Daily Champion* gathered, laid ambush on that road at about 8:30 pm when the deputy governor's convoy ran into them and a gun duel ensued leaving one of the robbers dead while others fled.

But an eye witness told *Daily Champion* that the two back up

vehicles of the deputy governor, were attacked on their way back after dropping the deputy governor at Nnewi, her home town.

The eyewitness said the attackers were robbers and not assassins but luck ran out on them when a police patrol team accosted them.

Assistant commissioner of police, Amusa Bello, who confirmed this to newsmen said investigations are on to track the robbers who fled even as he assured Anambra residents of adequate security.

The state police command said they were brigands who always invade that road and not assassins as speculated in some quarters.

This is coming when the State House of Assembly has passed a bill on Anambra State Group Vigilance services for better security of lives and property following the upsurge in violent crimes in the recent past.

The bill alongside six others passed yesterday has been sent to the Governor for his assent.

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