

ALPHONSUS NWEZE, Onitsha

Gunmen

TRAGEDY befell Police in Anambra State, yesterday, when gunmen shot and killed the Officer in charge of Special Anti Robbery Squad (SARS), attached to the Central Police Station (CPS). Onitsha, Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), Mr. Emmanuel Ochiobi,

The DSP, described as

one of the finest officer in the division was said to have be shot by two gunmen who were operating on a motorcycle around 9.30am along Okosi Street, Inland town, Onitsha.

According to a police

source, the late police officer, was said to have reported in his office around 9am in the morning and left shortly for a mechanic workshop where he took his vehicle for repairs.

The police officer who

kill DSP in Onitsha

pleaded for anonymity, said, "when he got to the mechanic workshop, he was joined by another senior colleague, a Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) attached to the Inland police station, which is just few poles away".

The source stated that while they were discussing, two unidentified gunmen pulled up their motorcycle about a pole away and immediately opened fire on the DSP who was backing the road, stating, "the assailants may have been trailing him from the office and the manner in which they shot at him suggested that they were out to assassinate him at all cost".

He said that having shot and killed the police officer, the gunmen sped off in their motorcycle, while his colleague escaped unhurt, "the assailants were armed with AK47 Rifles and they shot the officer at a very close range and the bullets pierced his heart and he died instantly".

The death of DSP Ochiobi, is bringing to two the number of senior police officers attached to the Central Police Station that were killed by gunmen in

less than four weeks.

When *Daily Champion* visited the Central Police Station, Policemen who were in mourning mood, were seen in little groups

apparently discussing the sudden death of their colleague who was described by some of them as a hard working and dedicated police officer.



•VISIT... Inspector General of Police (IGP), Mohammed Abubakar and Lagos State governor, Babatunde Fashola during the visit of the IG to the governor in Alausa, Ikeja yesterday.