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Gunmen kill two mobile police officers in Uyo

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Share TWO mobile police officers were yesterday shot and killed by unknown gunmen on a motorcycle along Wellington Bassey Street Uyo, the capital of Akwa-Ibom State.

The deceased mobile police officers whose names were yet to be ascertained by press time were said to be in a bullion van with large sums of money heading towards the venue where banned machines were being exchanged by government for N50,000 before they met their untimely death.

An eye witness told Daily Trust that the assailants caught up with the police officers near Eko Bank premises where they shot them. Large sums of money, according to eye witness accounts, were also carted away from the deceased.

However, the Police Public Relations Officer Mr. Onyekachi Orji told Daily Trust on phone that he was yet to be briefed on the matter, adding that he would make details available as soon as investigation unfolds.

The murder which is coming barely seven days after the killing of a top government functionary, Mr. Bassey Udoema in a similar circumstance, has been roundly condemned by residents who described the killings as 'unwarranted' and called on the state government to take more decisive steps to stop the spate of violence in the state.

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