

# Gunmen kill police sergeant in Imo

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Gunmen Tuesday in Owerri, Imo State, killed a police sergeant identified as Christian Nnamani.

The gunmen, said to have fled with the AK47 rifle belonging to the slain cop, also shot a bystander.

Our correspondent gathered that the incident happened around 9pm at Control post Roundabout junction, opposite Assumpta Catholic Church Owerri Arch Diocesan Cathedral headquarters.

An eyewitness told our

correspondent yesterday that some police officers were on a road duty when the gunmen struck.

Confirming the incident in a telephone conversation, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Andrew Enwerem, said that after killing the sergeant, the criminals fled with his rifle.

The police spokesperson said that the bystander, who was hit by a stray bullet, was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri, where he was treated.

Enwerem said the police had commenced investigation into the matter, even as he disclosed

that the Commissioner of Police, Dasuki Galadanchi, had directed the investigators to quickly arrest the fleeing killers.

He said: "Yes, it is true, We lost a police sergeant last night (Tuesday). Sergeant Christian Nnamani attached to Mobile Police 18 Owerri, was a -stop-and -search duty with his colleagues at Control Post junction Owerri when the incident happened. On sighting the sergeant, who was the last guard man, the hoodlums who were in a green Golf car shot him dead and made away with his AK 47 rifle."

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