

Police kill 2 kidnappers in Imo

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Men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) of the Imo State Police Command were said to have killed a former colleague of theirs, Martins Nwoke and his accomplice for alleged involvement in several kidnappings.

The dismissed sergeant and one of his accomplice were gunned down Saturday at Hospital Junction along the Port Harcourt Road, Owerri,

during a gun battle with the police.

The dismissed sergeant was said to have been released from prison after serving a jail term for armed robbery and was still living in the police barracks as of the time of the incident.

It was gathered that the former police officer had gone to the area to dispose of a vehicle he and his gang had snatched from one of their captives before he was nabbed.

A police source said the operation

was led by the SARS commander, Godfrey Victor, after a tip-off.

An ash-coloured Toyota Camry car marked LSD 857 FR was recovered from them along with one locally made pistol, two expended and one life cartridges and charms.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Orlando Ikeokwu, who confirmed the development, said that the state Commissioner of Police, Rabiuladodo, had ordered a mass hunt for other members of the gang.

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