

Hoodlums kill policeman in Aba, cart away gun

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Suspected hoodlums in the early hours of today attacked policemen on patrol duty around Uratta area of Aba, the commercial nerve centre of Abia state, killing one police sergeant.

Our Correspondent gathered that the men dressed in black regalia numbered about 20, wielding dangerous

weapons.

The sergeant whose name was given as Okezie and hailed from Umuahia, was said to be on night patrol with some of his colleagues when they were attacked by the hoodlums at the Uratta Junction along the Enugu/Port Harcourt Expressway.

The cops who were taken unawares by their attackers, and were said to have jumped

out from the vehicle and ran in different directions to escape from the bullets of the gunmen.

It was gathered that the attackers pursued Sergeant Okezie to the premises of a nearby hotel and shot him dead before they made away with his AK-47 rifle.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Godfrey Ogbonna, confirmed the incident.