

Robbers kill two policemen, others in Imo

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A FIERCE battle between armed robbers and security operatives in Ideator North Local Council headquarters in Imo State, left two policemen and an official of Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) dead yesterday. The robbers abandoned their jeep following a hot chase.

The three bodies, according to both the new commandant of the corps, Mr. Sam Oyemachi and the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Isa Bala Mohammed, have been deposited in undisclosed hospitals' morgues in the state.

A source, however, told *The Guardian* that a stray bullet also hit a little girl and killed her instantly.

According to Onyemachi, who spoke to *The Guardian*, he was in Abuja when he was informed about the incident by his Public Relations Officer, Mr. Amechi Regius Onukafor. He confirmed that the robbers escaped, abandoning their jeep with bullet wounds.

Mohammed, a deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), also confirmed the incident to *The Guardian*.

Mohammed said: "It happened and our men, a corporal and a sergeant and a civil defence officer were shot dead. Their remains have been deposited in a mortuary."