

Gunmen Kill Policeman In Dutse

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DUTSE, the Jigawa State capital which is known for its peace and serenity, was shaken yesterday when four unknown gunmen attacked and gunned down a Police Sergeant, Mr. Oguche Johnson while on night duty at a check point.

The Jigawa Police PPRO, Mallam Abdul Jinjiri, who spoke to newsmen at the police headquarters in Dutse, said the gunmen were reported to have emerged from the

nearby village of Gidan Wanzamai at about 8.30 pm on Thursday, and started shooting sporadically at the policemen on duty. While Sergeant Johnson was hit, his colleague escaped unhurt.

"At about 8.30 pm, a report was received that our men at Shuwarin road in Dutse were attacked by four hoodlums who launched their onslaught from behind them in a nearby bush. They were able to overpower Sergeant Oguche Johnson, shooting

him on the thigh while they made away with his rifle, AK47 with 30 rounds of live ammunition.

"We rushed to the scene and discovered 19 empty shells and one live ammunition but the hoodlums had escaped," Jinjiri said.

He said his men are on their trail to ensure they are arrested and the rifle recovered. Jinjiri disclosed that Johnson died while receiving treatment at the General Hospital in Dutse the following morning.