Bank Robbery: Anambra police confirm death of two students by stray bullets

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The Anambra State Police Command has refuted the alleged invasion of a bank at Abagana, Njikoka Local Council by about 10 gunmen, saying it was false information.

There were reports in some dailies that some hoodlums invaded one of the banks in the state on Thursday, firing sporadically into the air to scare people before hoisting the Biafra flags in front of the bank.
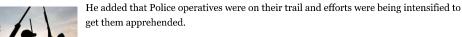
The reports further said the gunmen, who drove in a black Honda Pilot Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) vehicle, set fire on a Nissan Pathfinder SUV, with registration number UR 640 KJA, and smashed glasses of a Honda car, with registration number FST 456 AC, all parked in front of the bank.

But the Command's spokesman, Ikenga Tochukwu, in his reaction, yesterday, said there was no attack on any bank on Thursday in the state, as being reported, saying the Command received a distress call on shootings close to Oye Olisa Market and First Bank in Ogbunike, Oyi Local Council and immediately mobilised security operatives for operation.

He said: "To set the records straight, Anambra State Police Command, about 3pm on that day, quickly mobilised Police operatives to the scene.

"The hoodlums, who had set two vehicles ablaze, on sighting the responding Police teams, fled the scene, shooting indiscriminately.

"Unfortunately, stray bullets from the hoodlums hit two students on transit. They were rushed to the hospital and later confirmed dead by a medical doctor."

He added that Police operatives were on their trail and efforts were being intensified to get them apprehended.

Meanwhile, the state Commissioner of Police, Monday Bala Kuryas, has commiserated with families of the deceased, assuring the public that the Command under his watch would leave no stone unturned until the perpetrators are brought to book.