

Policeman, gunman killed in Ebonyi

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ONE policeman and one suspected gunman were killed, yesterday, in Abakaliki, Ebonyi State capital, when suspected unknown gunmen attacked police checkpoints at G-Hostel Junction, along Enugu-Abakaliki expressway.

The Guardian gathered that the gunmen, who operated with a motorcycle, were three in number- two men

and one woman.

A passerby told *The Guardian* that the hoodlums reportedly opened fire on the policemen at the checkpoint, killing one while the police, in a gun duel, shot dead one of the hoodlums and the other two escaped.

The incident caused panic and tension at the popular junction, as traders, shop owners, motorists and passers-by scampered for safety.

Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Chris Anyanwu, admitted it happened, noting, however, that details are still sketchy.

He stated that the command has communicated the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of the area for details of the attack, adding that he is yet to get details of the attack.

"The rumours of the attack is on social media, but I can't

give details now. I have called the DPO of the area and I'm still waiting for him to give us details.

"People are saying that one policeman was shot dead, but I can't confirm that at the moment. There is also another rumour that one of the gunmen was arrested, but the information is still at the level of rumour. Details will come when we get comprehensive report from the DPO."