

Robbers Kill Police Sergeant In Edo

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A gang of armed robbers on Wednesday morning demobilised an anti-robbery and kidnap outfit "Operation Thunderstorm", set-up by the Edo State government to curtail the menace of crime in the state, killing a police Sergeant in the pro-

cess.

Reports had it that the police mobile team had mounted roadblock around Ogbemudia Farm in Igueiye village on the Benin-Lagos road that fateful morning to commence their routine duty when they were attacked by suspected armed robbers.

It was learnt that the hoodlums shot one of the

policemen, a sergeant, from behind killing him in the process, while others reportedly fled into the bush for safety.

Consequently, the attackers seized the opportunity to set the police Bedford Hillux jeep the police came with ablaze.

The body of the deceased police sergeant, said to have hailed from Minna, Niger

State, was taken to the Edo State Command Headquarters in Benin after the incident before it was taken to the mortuary.

All efforts to contact the State Police Command spokesman, Peter Ogboi, failed as he would not pick his calls after he had earlier requested our correspondent to call him in 15 minutes time.