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## Again, robbers kill policeman, cart away cash in Port Harcourt

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A POLICE Corporal and a female staff of a major supermarket in Port Harcourt, Everyday Emporium, were reported shot dead on Monday at Umurelu Street, close to Rumuola Road by suspected armed robbers who opened fire on their vehicles carrying undisclosed amount of money.

This is coming barely three weeks after a major robbery operation took place at the Ikwerre Road where a police escort and a driver were killed in the same city.

Rivers State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Ben Ugegbulam, who confirmed the latest incident, said two other policemen also sustained

gunshot wounds in the incident.

According to him, the supermarket was moving cash to its second branch in the GRA part of the state capital when the robbers who had laid ambush for them at Umurelu Street opened fire on their vehicles.

The PPRO said the police Corporal and the female staff of the supermarket who were in the same vehicle died on the spot, while the two other policemen who were in a back-up vehicle sustained gunshot wounds.

The incident caused pandemonium in the area as motorists and pedestrians ran for safety at the sound of the gunshots.

Ben explained further that the robbers escaped with the

money, adding that effort was in top gear to track them

"Some staff of Everyday Emporium, Rumuola Road were conveying in a regular routine an undisclosed amount of cash from Everyday Emporium to Everyday Supermarket, GRA, Port Harcourt with police escort from Operations Department.

"While at Umurelu Street behind Rumuola junction, they were ambushed by armed hoodlums who fired several shots into both vehicles, resulting in the death of one staff of the supermarket and a police Corporal.

"Two other policemen in a back up escort vehicle had gunshot wounds. Several police patrols are in efforts to trace and arrest the culprits and recover the loots," the PPRO said.