## Gunmen Kill Two Policemen, Cart-Away AK-47 Rifle In Rivers

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Two police officers on stop and search duty have been killed by unknown gunmen who opened fire on them at the Okija axis of Mile One area in Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

Sources said that the two officers were attached to the Mile One Police Station, Diobu in Port Harcourt.

Eyewitnesses who are present at the scene of the event said the incident occurred at about 8 pm, adding that the operatives died on the spot.

A taxi driver who witnessed the incident said on Wednesday morning that the assailants rode in a vehicle when they launched the attack.

"It was not a small thing at all. Just past 8 pm last night, I was driving past the area when I heard a gunshot. They were in a car and speeding. Next thing two policemen were on the ground with blood.

"They were taken unawares. I think the gunmen took their rifles. Most of the shops in the area had closed for the day when it happened," he explained.

A resident of the area who did not want his name in print for security reasons said the gunmen fled through the D/line area of Port Harcourt.

Spokesman of the state police command, Nnamdi Omoni who confirmed the incident, said that the operatives were on stop and search duty.

Omoni, a superintendent of Police also confirmed that an AK-47 rifle was carted away from one of the slain cops, noting that the vehicle used by the gunmen was abandoned at the scene.

The Police Spokesman, in a short message, said, "I can confirm the attack by unknown gunmen on our men posted to Okija Street on stop and search.

"Two Police officers were killed. The investigation has been ordered by the Commissioner of Police.

"One Toyota Corrola, with Reg. No. Rivers ABU 380 AW, used by the attackers was abandoned. One AK47 Rifle belonging to one of the officers carted away."