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## Cop Killed In Hoodlums' Midnight Station Invasion

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**T**here was cross-firing between policemen on duty at Okuta Elerinla Division, Akure, the Ondo State capital, and some hoodlums who attempted to gain entry into the premises of the division.

A statement by the spokesperson for the state Police Command, Funmi Odunlami, a Superintendent of Police (SP), on Monday, revealed that the hoodlums invaded the division around 1:00 a.m., but were repelled by policemen on guard.

SP Odunlami said in the course of cross-firing, Inspector Temenu Boluwaji, who was on guard was hit by bullet and

died while being rushed to the hospital.

The statement reads in part, "On the 25th July, 2022 around 0100 a.m., hoodlums attacked Okuta Elerinla Division in Akure.

"Policemen who were at alert and alive to their duties repelled them accordingly and the miscreants were unable to gain entrance into the station.

"During the cross-fire, one of our gallant station guards AP:207538 OINSPR. Temenu Boluwaji was hit by bullet; he later died on his way to the hospital.

"The Commissioner of Police, CP Oyeyemi Adesoye Oyediran, has ordered the State Criminal Investigation Department to take over the case and ensure the perpetra-

tors are arrested.

He is also using this medium to encourage the people of the state to go about their lawful duty without fear, as the days of the criminals' days are numbered.

When newsmen visited the station, residents of Okuta Elerinla were seen around the station to sympathise with the policemen over the killing of the cop.

Newsmen were prevented from gaining entry into the station for assessment of the premises, but a competent police source disclosed that the hoodlums scaled the perimeter fence of the station to gain entry into the state.

The men on duty repelled them preventing them to gain entry into the station.

According to the source, "There is no detainee in the cell that committed any serious offence, which the hoodlums could have come for.

"It is suspected that the hoodlums had the intention of attacking the station and cart away firearms in the armoury."

The source revealed that when the hoodlums came, the officer who was killed had evacuated all detainees in the cell to a safe place to avoid being hit by the bullet.

"When he entered the premises, probably he thought the hoodlums had left, he put on his flashlight only to be shot by the criminals who were still hiding within the premises.

"They eventually scaled the perimeter fence to escape from the scene."