

# One killed as robbers attack *Vanguard's* Onitsha office

**T**WO armed robbers yesterday morning attacked *The Vanguard* Newspapers office in Onitsha, Anambra State, killing one of their circulation workers, Mr. Ifanyi Nnadi.

But five of the robbers were immediately arrested by the police with the help of some concerned citizens and commercial motorcycle operators (*Okada*) who pursued the bandits.

Eye witnesses said that the robbers, who came in a lady's motorcycle at about 8.30 a.m, climbed the two storey building and headed straight to the *Vanguard* office in Onitsha where they asked the work-

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ers who were receiving the weekend sales collections, to hand over the money to them.

The robbers opened fire indiscriminately at office furniture and again asked the workers to surrender the money they were collecting from vendors, but Nnadi reportedly made a move to escape. He was shot in the belly.

He was said to have died immediately, but luck ran out on the robbers as some concerned people and *Okada* men apprehended them.

The two suspected robbers, who identified

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themselves as Ebuka Ofili and Ejiofor Nweze, were said to have told the police that a vendor gave them information about movement of money in the *Van-*

guard office.

The two were immediately handed over to the police who made three more arrests as of press time.

The police recovered a locally made shot gun, N126,000, seven dollars and two handsets taken from one of the worker.

The Area Commander for Onitsha, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Rashidi Akintunde and the Divisional Police

Officer (DPO), Central Police Station (CPS), Mr. Angulu Usman, visited the *Vanguard* office where they inspected the scene.

Akintunde, who confirmed the unfortunate incident, vowed that the police will ensure that hoodlums and miscreants in the commercial town are flushed out, stating that investigation is on.

Offices of national dailies have of late come under attack by robbers who are

eager to collect weekend sales.

In August, *The Sun* Newspaper circulation workers were attacked while they were going to lodge their money in the bank and about N500,000 was said to have been taken away by bandits.

But the *Vanguard* Newspapers have become the worst victim as robbers have visited their office in Onitsha about four times in the last two years.

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