

Suspect killed as robbers attack Etiaba's convoy

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FOR the second time in a week, the convoy of the Deputy Governor of Anambra State, Dame Virgy Etiaba, has been attacked. This time by armed robbers, between Neni and Nimo Road in Njikoka and Anaocha Local Government Areas.

In a gun duel between the robbers and Etiaba's security personnel, one of the robbers was killed.

The incident happened about 8.30pm on Monday. One of Etiaba's aides was injured. Four of the five robbers fled into the bush. Etiaba was not inside the vehicle, as she had been

dropped off at Nnewi, her hometown. Two of her convoy's vehicles that were going back to Awka were involved in the incident.

It was gathered that the gunmen were operating on the road when Etiaba's vehicles ran into them.

The Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of Criminal Investigation Department, (CID), Mr. Chris Ezike, confirmed the incident.

Ezike, who described the incident as the handiwork of brigands, said the po-

lice command had mounted surveillance on that "dangerous road".

He said no arrest had been made yet, but that investigations were still going on, adding that the incident was one of the hazards the deputy governor had to face for coming to work in Akwa from her hometown, Nnewi.

However, investigations revealed that the body of the suspect who was killed during the gun battle was equally taken to the Neni Divisional Police Office in Anaocha Local Government Area.

Last Wednesday, Etiaba's



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convoy was attacked at Nnewi by a person suspected to be mentally deranged. Some of the vehicles in the convoy were smashed.