Robbers kill two mobile policemen

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TWO mobile policemen attached to the patrol team of the Abia State Police Command were killed by armed robbers at Opobo junction on Ikot Ekpene Road, Aba.

According to an eyewitness, the incident happened on Tuesday morning when a five-man gang blocked the road to stop traders who were going to a nearby village in Akwa-Ibom State.

He said the traders, who usually travel early in the morning, ran into the robbers. They dispossessed the traders of all the money they were going to market with.

The source said after robbing the traders, the hoodlums headed towards Ukpakiri village on the Ikot-Ekpene Road in Obingwa Local Government Area where they sighted a police patrol team.

On seeing the patrol team, the hoodlums opened fire on it.

Two members of team died on the spot. Others ran into a nearby bush.

The source said the team was caught unawares by the robbers, as they were allegedly extorting N20 bribes from motorists.

Police spokesman Ali Okechukwu confirmed the incident, but said he was yet to get the full details.