

Robbers kill policeman in Enugu

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A Police Inspector, [Elias Ikpo](#), was shot dead at the weekend by robbers on the [Enugu-Onitsha Road](#).

Ikpo was travelling to Awka, the Anambra State capital, in a commercial bus when the bus was stopped by the robbers at the notorious [Onyeama Mine Corner](#).

During a search, the robbers stumbled on his identity card. They shot him at close range.

Other passengers were said to have pleaded with the robbers to spare Ikpo's life but their pleas were ignored.

A passenger said: "We were begging them not to kill him, but they said it is dangerous.

"And they opened fire on him and he died on the spot."

But the command's spokesman, Ebere Amaraizu, said a stray bullet killed Ikpo "and not necessarily that he was spotted and shot because he was an officer".

The slain officer, who was said to have been transferred from Enugu to Awka, was heading to his new duty post when he was killed.

His body has been deposited at the mortuary.

Amaraizu said the vehicle was ascending a hill around the Onyeama Mine when the robbers [emerged from the bush](#) and began to rob their victims.

He said the police had begun a manhunt for the bandits .