

# Robbers kill policeman in Ebonyi

A police constable attached to the Widow Care Centre in Abakaliki, the Ebonyi State capital was on Wednesday night shot dead by suspected armed robbers who invaded the centre owned by the wife of the former governor of the state, Mrs. Eunice Egwu.

The robbers gained entry into the premises by breaking the block wall behind the building.

According to a report, the robbers, on sighting two policemen on duty, shot and killed one of them and took to their heels.

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Confirming the incident, the Police Public Relations Officer, Ebonyi State Police command, Mr. John Eluu, expressed sadness over the incident and reaffirmed the commitment of the Police to ensure the protection of life and property of people in the state.

Eluu said: "The command is greatly sad over the loss of one of our men, a young police constable killed by armed robbers who wanted

to rob the Widow Care Centre. Information we got has it that the armed robbers were able to gain entry into the building by breaking a wall behind the building.

"The policemen on duty were not aware of this. Later, one of them was killed. Before the other corporal could face them fire for fire, the robbers took to their heels. We are terribly sad over the incident. Recently, two of our men were shot dead by some armed robbers".

Mr. Eluu said the police had mapped out strategies to check activities of criminals

in the state and to track down the culprits.

He urged members of the public to give useful information to enhance operations of the police.

"We are ready to apprehend the culprits soon. We will get those involved in the dastardly act, and they would be would be prosecuted," he said.

Two policemen were killed last month in Abakaliki by suspected armed robbers in a gun battle during the robbery of a new generation bank.