

Robbers kill NSCDC member, security man in Anambra

•Police arrest suspects

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A GANG of robbers, reportedly operating in a Hilux van, at the weekend killed a newly recruited member of the Nigeria Security and Civil Defence Corps (NSCDC) in Awka South Local Government Area of Anambra State.

He was reportedly killed at a filling station in Agulu, near Agulu Lake.

An eyewitness said the late NSCDC member was buying fuel at the filling station for his motorcycle.

The robbers were said to have directed him into the filling station and shot him at close range.

He was said to have died on the spot.

It was learnt that the victim was employed in October and posted to Awka South.

The robbers were said to have also kidnapped someone in the area and brought him to the boundary between Enugu-Ukwu, in Njikoka Local Government, and Nise, in Awka South Local Government.

They were reportedly queried by a security man, who was identified as Emmanuel Onyia (aka *Idiagbon*), from

Ngodo village, Nise.

He was said to be a security man at Eke Awka Market.

The robbers allegedly shot him three times.

Onyia was rushed to a hospital.

An informant, who allegedly worked with the robbers/kidnappers, was arrested by Nise vigilance group and handed over to the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS).

Members of the squad were said to be combing Enugu Ukwu for other members of the gang.

The suspect reportedly told the SARS that the gang had shot three people, killing two of them at Agulu and Enugu Ukwu.

Police spokesman Raph Uzoigwe yesterday said Onyie died at the hospital where he was receiving treatment.

According to him, the police have arrested some suspects on the incident.

Also, there have been increased attacks on filling stations in Awka South Local Government.

Filling station owners in the area, it was learnt, have held a meeting on the matter with Police Commissioner Balah Nassarawa, to prevent further attacks.