

'Killers' of police officer arrested in Aba



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THE Abia State police command has reportedly arrested two members of a dreaded armed robbery gang which has been terrorising residents of Aba, the commercial nerve of the state.

The gang, The Nation gathered, was responsible for the killing of a police officer as well as the driver of a commercial bus which the police team was using for patrols on the Ngwa Road axis of one of the suburbs in the commercial city.

While credible information has it that the armed robbers made away with about two rifles belonging to the patrol team, another police officer was said to have been badly injured and receiving medical attention at a yet-to-be disclosed private clinic.

According to a source, policemen from Ndiegoro police division, acting on intelligence, visited Aba South where the gunmen took them unawares, killing one of them and the driver of the vehicle on the spot.

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The State Police Commissioner Ene Okon confirmed the death of the policeman, saying that the officers were on routine patrol duty when they were ambushed by the armed gang.

He added the police have arrested two of the robbers.

Okon said they have launched a manhunt for other fleeing members of the gang, adding that the two suspects in their custody have made useful statements.

It would be recalled that the command had raised the alarm on a planned attempt by an armed robbery gang to attack financial institutions in Aba, the commercial nerve of the state, and placed N50m reward for any member of the public that would give the police useful information on the whereabouts of the hoodlums.