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TWO policemen were on Friday killed at the popular Opobo Junction axis of Ogbor Hill, along the Abakot Ekpene Expressway, Friday evening.

This is coming three weeks after yet-to-be-identified gunmen killed five army personnel at a military outpost located at Obikabia, some kilometres away from Opobo junction, where the police officers were killed.

The police officers were said to be at the junction for their usual stop and search operation which they do towards the evening.

The gunmen numbering six,

Two policemen killed in Aba

■ From Sunny Nwankwo, Umuahia

according to sources within the area, came in a Sienna Sport Utility Vehicle.

The incident sent pandemonium around the area, forcing shop owners along the road and traders of Ehere Market were forced to close shop, while others abandoned their wares to scamper for safety.

At the time of filing the report, policemen from the Azuka Police Division, where

the deceased police officers served, arrived at the scene, shooting sporadically in the air.

The gunshots that came minutes after the attack and the killing of the policemen sent people and residents into a panic mode, forcing both commercial and private automobile drivers and their passengers to abandon their cars to run for safety.

There are fears of possible mass and indiscriminate arrest of residents of the area and passersby by police operatives following the incident.

The deceased police officers have been evacuated from the scene.

A resident of the area, Mr. Franklin, said that he had to use an alternative route to his house as policemen from the Aba Area Command and other security agencies had cordoned off the road.

The Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Abia State Police Command, Maureen Chinaka, at the time of filing this report, was yet to reply to a WhatsApp message sent to her mobile phone.