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<h2 style="text-align: center;">Irate Gunmen Kill Two Cops</h2> <p style="text-align: center;"><i>Vincent Ogbunisi, Aba</i></p> <p>Unknown gunmen have shot and killed two police officers at Obingwa Divisional Police Station, Obingwa Local Government Area of Abia State. Confirming the death of the two police officers, yesterday, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Ali Okechukwu, told Niger Delta STANDARD that the criminals invaded the police station, in a Rambo movie style at the weekend to free one of their notorious gang members in detention, during which policemen on duty exchanged gun fire with the unknown gunmen losing two policemen to them at the station.</p> <p>He, however, added that police are working assiduously towards arresting the fleeing robbers as well as rearrest the escapee suspects. Eyewitnesses said the hoodlums during the invasion sprayed the police station with bullets and the surprise attack from the unexpected gunmen made the uniform-men to take on their heels while the daredevils shot their way into the detention room of their member and freed the occupants. In a related development, police in the state, have arrested five teenagers suspected to have belonged to secret cult.</p> <p>The out-going state Police Commissioner, Edgar Nanakumo, who paraded the suspects, said they were nabbed at Amuzukwu area of Umuahia, while conducting initiation rites. Their arrest was made possible by a joint police and state vigilante group a.k.a, Bakassi Boys, following a tip-off. The police boss added that the suspects on sighting the police attempted to escape but were caught. He gave the names of the suspected cultists as Ndubuisi Igbokwe, 16, Humphrey Onuigbo, 15, Udochukwu Ihemeudu, 16, Ikechukwu Ihemedu, 15 and Chidiebere Elijah, 16.</p> <p>One of the suspects is said to be a student of Ibeku High School in Umuahia, while others are discovered to be drop-outs. The police chief also paraded some suspected armed robbery and kidnappers including the items recovered from them. According to Nanakumo, the items include, locally made single barrel short gun, 3 pump action guns, 20 live cartridges, one expended cartridge, 8, handsets, identity cards bearing Abia State Vigilantes Service. He used the occasion to announce his re-posting to Abuja (FCT) and that a former Lagos Airport Police Commissioner, Jonathan Johnson, has taken over from him.</p> <p>Next Page >></p> <p style="text-align: center;">Copyright © 2009 Niger Delta Standard, All rights reserved.</p>								