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# Gunmen kill 2 vigilance group members in Warri

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Gunmen, on Monday, in Warri, Delta State, shot dead two members of a vigilance group.

The two victims were said to be on the trail of some hoodlums, before the tide turned against them as the armed bandits shot at them.

The midday incident, the Nigerian Tribune gathered, occurred at Ginuwa area, along Warri/Sapele Road in Warri metropolis.

An account said one of the victims, simply identified as Omonigbo Monday, alias Omones, who was the chairman of the vigilance group in Agbassa, was in company of his friend, one Odaiah, in the former's house when the gunmen came calling.

The armed men shot at them and Omonigbo gave up the ghost instantly while the other, who was attempting to scale a fence, was shot in the head and died while being ferried away via a tricycle to the hospital.

There was pandemonium after the incident, as vehicles were turning back and commuters scampering for safety.

When Nigerian Tribune got to the scene of the incident, the lifeless body of Omonigbo was still lying on the ground and sympathisers making effort to have a glimpse of it.

Meanwhile, investigation revealed that the armed bandits were on the trail of a vehicle that went to a bank to cash money, but in a bid to halt the fleeing robbers, two members of the vigilance group were gunned down.

It was, however, learnt that effort made to catch up with the fleeing robbers by soldiers and policemen failed as the bandits maneuvered their way through Effurun and disappeared into thin air.

Confirming the incident, the Area Commander of Warri Police Command, ACP Rabi Hussaini, described the incident as unfortunate, adding that his men would surely catch up with the fleeing robbers.

According to him, the hoodlums were only lucky to have escaped because most of his men were covering the official visit of the Chief Judge of the state, Justice Zai Smith, to Warri prisons.

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ACP Rabi'u advised members of the public, who wanted to cash money in the bank, to always go for police escort if the amount was much, adding that they should also maintain silence.

"Police is ever ready to provide security to persons going to cash money in the bank because even bank officials are alleged to be giving information to robbers," the police boss stressed.

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