

Armed men attack police station, free suspects

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ARMED men in Ibilo, Akoko Edo Local Government Area of Edo State, have attacked a police station in the community and freed two rape suspects.

In the incident, which was reported on Friday by the Edo State Police Command, one woman was killed.

At a media briefing on Friday, police said the attackers gained access to the police station by posing as relatives

of the arrested suspects before they fired sporadic shots into the air.

The woman killed during the incident was said to have been hit by a stray bullet.

Confirming the report, Edo State Commissioner of Police, Haliru Gwandu, said some suspects have been arrested in connection with the incident.

He added that more men have been deployed to the affected police station to ensure that such incident does not

occur again.

"Two rapists were arrested at Ibilo and unknown to the police, the suspects were cultists.

"Their members went to the police station, but the police did not know they were there to rescue their members.

"There was sporadic shooting and an innocent lady was hit and killed.

"Police are still mopping up the area. The area is a border town and we have influx of misguided elements," he said.