

Gunmen attack police station in Abia

Attacked Abom stations not operational, cop killed on way to work —Police

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A police divisional headquarters in Abia State was on Sunday, May 9, attacked by gunmen.

The attack on the police facility located at Trade-more Estate in Umuahia, the state capital, was carried out at about 9:45 a.m.

No life was lost in the attack, but one of the police personnel on duty reportedly sustained an injury and had been taken to the hospital for treatment.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Geoffrey Ogbonna, who confirmed the attack, also disclosed that police in the state were making efforts to ascertain the level of damage at the facility and arrest the perpetrators.

Ogbonna said: "Yes, there was an attack on Mike Okiro Divisional Police Headquarters. We are investigating and the outcome will be made public."

The PPRO further revealed that the gunmen arrived in four vehicles — a Hummer bus and three Toy-

ota Sienna buses, as well as two motorcycles.

The attackers reportedly set ablaze documents in the offices and destroyed police vehicles and motorcycles, among other valuables.

Residents have been asked to support the police with useful information that would lead to the arrest of the suspects.

In a related development, the Akwa Ibom State police command has said the two police outposts attacked by hoodlums in the state on Sunday were not operational.

Besides, the Command explained that the policeman who was killed, one Sergeant Obadiah Eli, attached to MOPOL 57, at Ukana in Essien Udim Local Government Area, was killed on his way to his duty post and not in the unused police posts at Mkpatak in Essien Udim and Ikot Odon in Abak local government area.

A statement to this effect on Monday by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Odiko Macdon, however, urged members of the public to be security-conscious.