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## Five nabbed as police foil attempt to burn station in Imo

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THE Imo State police command on Tuesday arrested five suspects who attempted to set the Orji Divisional Police Headquarters ablaze.

According to a statement issued by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the command, SP Bala Elkana, some hoodlums in their numbers launched an offensive on the reconstruction site of Orji divisional police headquarters which was earlier burnt by hoodlums during the EndSARS protest last year.

Elkana said that a philanthropist initiated the reconstruction project.

He said that the hoodlums who believed that the re-establishment of a functional police station might prevent them from carrying out their nefarious activities in Orji and environs, decided to invade the construction site.

Elkana said that before the arrival of reinforcement team led by the Commis-

sioner of Police, Abutu Yaro, the hoodlums disappeared into neighbouring township areas and abandoned their operational vehicles.

The police spokesperson said the whole area was cordoned off and five suspects were arrested.

He said that three vehicles belonging to the hoodlums were recovered.

Meanwhile, two women are believed to have been killed by stray bullets at Orji in Owerri North Local Government Area of the state when some gunmen attempted to set the police station ablaze.

The incident occurred on Tuesday afternoon when the gunmen stormed the area and shot sporadically.

The shootings occurred at both Orji, Item Street, Ikenebu Street and Douglas Road barely 48 hours after Governor Hope Uzodimma had assured the people that there would be no more attack in the state.

There was tension in the area as people scampered for safety.