## Gunmen kill policeman, tricycle operator, one other in Anambra

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GUNMEN numbering about six, on Sunday, shot and killed a policeman, a tricycle operator and a passerby at Ukaegbu /Oraifite Street, Awada, near Onitsha in Idemili North Local Government Area of Anambra State.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident, which threw residents of the area into confusion, was said to have occurred at about 10:30 a.m.

An eyewitness told *Nige-rian Tribune* that the gunmen, who stormed the police checkpoint in the area

in a white Sienna bus, took the policemen unawares as they shot at them upon arrival, while stray bullets killed the tricycle operator and a young man suspected to be going for Sunday service in a nearby church.

It was gathered that soldiers and other security personnel who were later drafted to the area, barricaded the entire route leading to the scene.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, Ikenga Toochukwu, said he was yet to get details of the incident.