

Suspected smugglers kill Customs officer in Ogun, another missing

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SUSPECTED smugglers on Tuesday killed an officer of the Nigeria Customs Service (NCS) at Fagbohun village, around Idogo/Ipaja in Yewa South Local Government Area of Ogun State, while another operative has been declared missing.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that the incident occurred when operatives from the Federal Operating

Unit (FOU) stormed the village to carry out a sting operation.

The smugglers, according to information at **Nigerian Tribune's** disposal, on sighting the Customs operatives opened fire on them, while two officers were reported missing after the attack.

The lifeless body of one of the officers was said to have been found inside a river near Ajegun Iyaloosa village.

The Public Relations Of-

ficer (PRO) of the FOU in Zone A, Theophilus Duniya, confirmed the incident, adding that some suspects had been arrested in connection with the attack.

Duniya said: "The attacked officers are from FOU. One is confirmed dead, while the other one is still missing.

"It happened yesterday (Tuesday) in the afternoon. They (officers) were on information patrol when they were attacked. It was an un-

provoked attack that ended the life of one, while the other one is still missing.

"The one who was found dead, his rifle was missing, but we can't say for the other one who is still missing until we get to the end of it. At the moment, we have some suspects in custody in relation to that murder."

It was gathered that residents of the village have fled for fear of arrests by security operatives.