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3 Feared Dead In Armed Robbery Attack

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Hell was let loose recently as daredevil armed robbers struck at Ulakwo in Owerri North LGA of Imo State along Owerri / Aba Road where they attacked a moving bullion van carrying cash and its escort truck killing two policemen and wounding several others, said to be passers-by around the scene of the incident.

One of the robbers was also killed in the incident as one of the killed policemen had early fired a shot at the robbers immediately they attacked.

The incident which occurred midday that fateful day lasted for over one hour as the hoodlums enjoyed a field day ravaging the entire neighbourhood and carting away the entire content of the bullion said to be over N60million

Eye witness account said the robbers numbering about seven after the operation escaped through Ulakwo / Umekwune Ngor Okpala road leading to Etche in Rivers State carrying the remains of their gunned down member.

The account hinted that the robbers had chased the bullion van heading to Owerri from Aba until they double crossed the van and it escorts at Ulakwo where they opened fire on the two vehicles and others around the junction.

The bandits who came in a Toyota jeep and 505 Peugeot saloon car, it was learnt fired indiscriminately shattering several vehicles parked at the Ulakwo Park including a fuel tanker with Reg. XP399ENU.

Confirming the incident the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) in Imo State, Mr. Isis Bala Mohammed told *Niger Delta STANDARD* in a phone chat that the body of felled armed robber had been recovered by the police at a river in Etche in neighbouring Rivers State where the other gang members had abandoned it while escaping for their dear lives.

However he said no arrests have been made as at press time while police as continuing in its frantic efforts to investigate and track down the culprits.