

Robbery suspects kill two LG workers

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ARMED robbery suspects, on Monday, raided the headquarters of Ihitte/Uboma Local Government Area in Imo State, killed two members of staff and injured three others.

The injured workers are now receiving treatment in an undersclosed hospital in Umuahia, the Abia State capital.

A state from the office of the state commissioner for information obtained by our correspondent on Tuesday, gave the names of the deceased as Mrs. Margarret Nwachukwu and Augustine Okparaekwe.

They were said to have drawn the ire of the hoodlums by attempting to flee the premises during the robbery.

One of the councillors in the local government, Mr. Tony Alugbuo, was also injured by the rampaging robbery suspects.

It was learnt that the suspects numbering about 12 invaded the council and forced the leader of the legislative arm, Mr. Kelechi Onuoha, to lead them to the cash office where they opened fire on the fleeing workers.

Speaking on the telephone with our correspondent on the development, the Commissioner for Information, Chief George Eguh, said the state government had sent a delegation

to the council.

Eguh, an indigene of the area, added that a police team had also been dispatched to the area.

When our correspondent contacted the Public Relations Officer of the Imo State Police Command, Mr. Isah Mahammed, a deputy superintendent of police, he could neither confirm nor deny the report.

He said he was in Jos to

attend the burial of the son of the immediate past Commissioner of Police in the state, Mr. Hezekiah Dimkah.

Meanwhile, the statement quoted the Ihitte divisional police officer as having confirmed the incident to the state government team, saying the police had commenced investigation into the crime.

Policemen kill robbery suspect

John Ameh, Onitsha

MEN of the Anambra State Special Anti-Robbery Squad have killed a suspected car snatcher and injured two others in Onitsha.

Our correspondent learnt that the incident occurred on Tuesday on Ogboli-Eke Street, Inland Town, when the policemen responded to a distress call by a victim.

The victim, whose name could not be immediately ascertained, was said to be driving a Mercedes Benz car when three men on a motorcycle attempted to force him to stop.

When he refused to stop, the suspects reportedly fired several shots at his car, leaving at least five bullet holes on it.

He, however, escaped to a location in the area where he dialed one of the emer-

gency numbers recently released to the public by the Commissioner of Police, Anambra State Command, Mr. Haruna John.

A team of policemen that responded to the call was said to have trailed the suspects and later engaged them in a shootout.

The command's spokesman, Mr. Fidelis Agbo, a deputy superintendent of police, who confirmed the incident on Tuesday, said that one of them was killed during the shootout.

According to him, the two others escaped with bullets wounds.

He warned private hospitals against treating people with bullet wound without the permission of the police.

Among the items recovered from the deceased suspect were one FNC rifle and nine rounds of ammunition.