

## Warder kills two in Owerri

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**T**HE men of the Imo State Police Command averted a possible violent rampage in Owerri after a warder of the Nigerian Prisons shot two persons to death in Owerri on Sunday.

The two men, a driver and his conductor, were murdered in cold blood at the Okigwe end of the Round about linking the Government House and the Police headquarters, Owerri.

An investigation conducted by our correspondent revealed that the prison warder had a misunderstanding with the driver and the bus conductor who parked in front of the Prisons Gate by Okigwe Road to pick a passenger.

According to an eye witness account, it did not take a long time during the ensuing misunderstanding when the warder opened fire on the two defenceless men killing the conductor on the spot.

It was further learnt the driver, who was said to have been in a critical state, was rushed to the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri, where he later died.

Police sources said that the corpses of the two victims have since being deposited at the mortuary of the Federal Medical Centre, Owerri.

Meanwhile, the culprit was arrested by the men of the Eagles Squad Unit of the Anti Robbery Squad at the Police headquarters, Owerri.

Top police sources said that the warder was being detained in a cell at the State Criminal Investigations Department where investigation into the dastardly act is under way.

The situation angered the motorists and the drivers of commercial motorcycles known in local parlance as *inaga*, who mobilised their men to protest the killings.

But the timely intervention of the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of operations, Mr. Goddy Okereke, saved the day as he ensured the prompt mobilisation of a police armoured personnel carrier with registration number NPF58006 and some riot policemen to secure the prisons.

When our correspondent sought to contact the Police Public Relations Officer of the state Police Command, Mr. Linus Nwaiwu, on the issue, he did not pick the calls to his mobile phone.