Gunmen kill two policemen, another dies in Enugu



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Two police officers – an Assistant Superintendent of Police and a Sergeant – have been killed by yet-to-be-identified gunmen in Enugu.

Our correspondent learnt on Sunday that the incident occurred in the New Haven area of Enugu on Thursday.

The policemen were on a 'stop and search' operation when the gunmen, who were said to be in a moving vehicle, pulled up at the checkpoint and opened fire on the cops without any provocation.

Two police officers were said to have died instantly while others sustained serious injuries.

The Police Public Relations Officer of the Enugu State Police Command, Mr. Ebere Amaraizu, named the two slain policemen as Otunji Philip, an ASP, and Manne Wilson, a sergeant.

There were, however, unconfirmed reports that another policeman, who was injured in the encounter, died

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on Saturday, bringing the death toll in the attack to three.

The command said it was on the trail of the hoodlums who killed the policemen.

Amaraizu, in a statement, said the Enugu State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Emmanuel Ojukwu, had

vowed that the killers of the policemen would be apprehended and made to face justice.

"The police commissioner expressed displeasure with the incident, pointing out that attacking police

means attacking the peace and maintained that machinery has been set in motion to unmask those behind

the dastardly act," Amaraizu said in the statement.

Ojukwu equally commiserated with the families of the slain policemen.

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