

Two policemen, bandit killed in gun duel

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Two policemen and an unidentified gunman were killed during a gun battle on Sunday at a bar on Woji Road, Port Harcourt, Rivers State.

The gunmen were said to be searching for a man at the bar when they ran into the policemen, who were manning the place.

PUNCH Metro learnt that the gunmen opened gunfire, killing two cops.

One policeman, who was shot in the hand reportedly fired back at the assailants.

The officer was said to have killed one of the hoodlums, injured another and recovered three rifles from the hoodlums.

Two of the rifles, according to a security source, belonged to the two policemen that were killed, while the third gun belonged to the slain bandit.

A witness, who did not want to be identified, said, “We were drinking when one of my friends said he was going to urinate at the bar’s restroom.

“Before he came out, I began to hear gunshots and everybody started running helter-skelter. But the policemen, who mounted sacks of sand in front of the bar, confronted the gunmen. ”

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed that two policemen lost their lives during the incident.

Omoni explained that the surviving policeman was receiving treatment in a hospital.

“The incident happened around 10pm on Sunday. The gallant police officer recovered three rifles: two belonging to the policemen that were killed and one belonging to one of the bandits shot dead during the gun duel.

“The policeman was earlier shot in the hand by the gunmen. While he was on the ground, the hoodlum who shot him attempted taking his rifle.

“But the policeman used one hand to grab the gun and killed the hoodlum. He also shot another hoodlum, who was carried away by members of the gang,” Omoni added.

The police spokesman called on members of the public to report any person with gunshot injuries to the nearest police station in the state.