Gunmen kill FRSC officer, injure other on Lokoja-Okene highway

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Abuja-Okene-Lokoja Highway. File photo

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Unidentified gunmen have attacked two Federal Road Safety Corps officers travelling from Abuja to Lagos on an official assignment on Friday, killing one and injuring the other.

The officers were travelling in a Toyota Hilux pick-up van with registration number, PILOT 01A when the driver was shot in the head at Oshawa near Lokoja, the Kogi State capital.

The Corps Education Officer, Commander Bisi Kazeem, disclosed in a statement on Saturday that the incident occurred at about 1:50 p.m. on the Lokoja-Okene Highway.

It said, "The suspected kidnappers, according to first information report, were said to have opened fire at the sight of the marked vehicle and, unfortunately, shot the driver in the head, killing him instantly.

"The vehicle subsequently lost control and veered off the road. It took hours before the rescue team could locate the vehicle in the bush and evacuate the victims."

The Corps Marshal, Dr. Boboye Oyeyemi, has expressed his heartfelt sympathy to the family of the bereaved, the entire management and staff of the Corps for the death of the officer.

The incident has since been reported to the police for investigation.

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