

Gunmen kill policeman in Delta community

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Gunmen on Sunday killed a mobile policeman at Osubi in the Okpe Local Government Area of Delta State leading to pandemonium.

According to sources, the incident occurred around 9am when the gunmen tried to break into a popular plaza along Effurun-Abraka Road.

The incident came barely two days after a civilian and a policeman at a checkpoint at Eku in the Ethiope Local Government Area of the state were reportedly killed by suspected robbers.

Also, on Thursday, a police corporal, Etaga Stanley, was shot dead by hoodlums who hijacked the #EndSARS protest in the Ughelli area of the state.

The PUNCH gathered that the mobile police officer, who was shot dead on Sunday, met his untimely death while attempting to stop the armed hoodlums from getting into the plaza.

Sources said the deceased, whose identity could not be immediately ascertained, was on special duty to the state from Kebbi State.

An eyewitness, however, could not confirm whether or not the gunmen took away the firearm of the deceased policeman.

The source said, “A mobile police officer was shot dead this morning (Sunday) at Osubi near Effurun. Some gunmen were trying to rob the mall when the officer was shot dead. I can’t say if his rifle was taken away but he died on the spot. He was a mobile policeman from Kebbi State.”

Police Public Relations Officer, Delta State Command, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya, confirmed the incident, saying, “It happened this morning (Sunday) but I don’t have the facts yet. He was a mobile policeman.”