

# Gunmen abduct couple going to airport, kill two police escorts

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Map of Anambra

Gunmen have killed two policemen and kidnapped a couple in Anambra State.

*PUNCH Metro* gathered that the incident happened at Okija, in the Ihiala Local Government Area of the state on Monday.

Our correspondent learnt that the couple were heading for the Owerri Airport, Imo State, when they were attacked.

The identities of the assailants and the reason for their action were not known as of the time of filing this report.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Ikenga Tochukwu, said he had yet to receive the information.

But a senior police officer, who did not want to be identified, confirmed the incident.

The officer explained that the couple were dropped off by the hoodlums at Ukpor, Nnewi South LGA of the state, at midnight on Monday.

A family member of the couple, who spoke on condition of anonymity, said they were kidnapped at Okija on their way to the airport in Owerri.

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The source said two of the policemen with the couple were killed by the assailants.

The husband was reportedly hacked by the gunmen, while the driver, who was injured, was rushed to a hospital.

He said, “They released them around 11pm. One of their relations received a call from one of the victims to send the driver to come and pick them up at Ukpok, where they dropped them off.

“We are traumatised. I flew back to Anambra last night. I thank God they are alive and back to their community.”