

Manhunt as five policemen, others

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THE Enugu State Police Command has launched a manhunt for the gunmen that killed five people including three cops in the New Haven area of the state.

The suspects, after perpetrating the crime on Wednesday, reportedly abducted a yet-to-be-identified person around the St. Francis Supermarket, Block Bus Stop, New Haven, in the Enugu North Local Government Area of the state.

The police command's spokesman, DSP Daniel Ndukwe, who confirmed the incident, told journalists that an intensive manhunt operation had been launched to fish out the assailants.

He said the assailants operated in a Lexus Jeep, adding that they opened fire on a moving police patrol van on duty along Chime Avenue,



• Enugu CP, Ahmed Ammani New Haven, Enugu State.

PUNCH Metro gathered that two civilians lost their

lives after being caught in crossfire when the gunmen, around 10.30pm, attacked

the policemen, who were said to be on a stop-and-search duty in the area.

"Unfortunately, three policemen were overpowered and shot dead. The hoodlums also took away their guns and abducted one person," a source said.

Another source said, "Two civilians caught during the gun duel were also among the people killed, while the hoodlums reportedly abducted one man."

However, unconfirmed reports alluded that the two civilians that were killed were gunmen that succumbed to the police gunfire.

A security alert sent out by residents of the community read, "It happened at block bus stop in front of frank supermarket. Three policemen down already. Guys for our information, in case we still dey outside avoid New Haven. Two

killed in Enugu

battered policemen are still lying lifeless here."

The message was

accompanied by a video which showed the dead policemen inside the gutter.

Five vandals steal telecommunication cable

Olamide Famuwagun and Omolara Johnson

THE Lagos State Police Command has confirmed the arrest of five suspected telecommunication cable vandals in the Ikoyi area of the state.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Benjamin Hundeyin, in a statement on Thursday, said the suspects, Yekini Mohammed, Mohammed Abdullahi, Tukur Mukaila, Abdulrazaq Abdulrahmon and Danladi Nura, were arrested on Wednesday by police officers on patrol.

He said the suspects had dug up a 20-metre long telecommunication cable which

they were about to move into a white bus, adding that two diggers and two shovels were found in their possession.

He said, "Officials of the Rapid Response Squad have arrested five suspected telecommunication cable thieves, Yekini Mohammed, Mohammed Abdullahi, Tukur Mukaila, Abdulrazaq Abdulrahmon and Danladi Nura.

"The suspects were arrested around 2.30am on Wednesday, September 8, 2022, by police officers on patrol at Oyinkan Abayomi, off Alexander Road, Ikoyi, with a white Volkswagen T4 bus with the number plate, KTU 357 YF.

"The suspects had dug up a