Gunmen attack Abia police headquarters, kill inspector

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GUNMEN in their numbers, in the early hours of yesterday, attacked the headquarters of Abia State Police command in Umuahia, the state capital, killing an Inspector of police.

The victim, according to reliable information, was said to be one of the policemen on guard duty on the road in front of the headquarters.

The gunmen were said to have unsuccessfully attempted to overrun the station, struck around 1am, yesterday, but were repelled by the superior firepower of the policemen on duty. Journalists were denied access to the facility as the place was cordoned off.

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of Abia State Police Command, SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, confirmed the incident.

In a statement titled "Repelled attack on Abia police command facility", Ogbonna said it was unfortunate that about 1pm yesterday, gunmen disguised in military camouflage and, using gun truck, opened fire at the policemen on pin down duty in front of 28 Police Mobile Force beside the State Command Headquarters, Bende Road, Umuahia.