

Gunmen Ambush Policemen, Kill Inspector in Rivers



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Gunmen on Wednesday night ambushed a team of policemen on a stop and search duty at the Eliozy Flyover in Rivers State, killing an Inspector in the ensuing gunfight. The spokesperson of the Rivers State Police command, Grace Ikingi-Koko, yesterday, said the gunmen drove a carton-colored Sienna bus and launched the offensive which claimed the life of the Inspector.

She, however, said the team rose to the occasion and returned fire and neutralised one of the miscreants who was wounded by the police. Ikingi-Koko who noted that aggression against security forces works against the safety and security of the state, said the command would continue to maintain peace and protect the well-being of the populace.

The statement reads: “We are deeply saddened to announce a heinous incident that occurred on 21st February 2021 in the course of Operation Sting of the Rivers State Police Command. “At approximately 2145hrs, while conducting routine stop and search duty, a team of policemen were ambushed by unidentified hoodlums operating in a carton-colored Sienna bus, with fully tinted glasses.

“The registration number of the vehicle remains unknown at this time. The assailants drove in from the Rumuokoko area, resulting in the tragic loss of one Inspector who valiantly gave his life in the line of duty. “Undeterred, the command is continuing to hunt for the attackers and managing to neutralise one of them with a mask on his face, while the others managed to escape.

“The command has launched a thorough investigation into this despicable act and has already identified the perpetrators and is relentlessly pursue these criminals and bring them to justice. No amount of intimidation will hinder our officers in the protection of the lives and property of the citizens.