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## Robbers Kill 2 Policemen, Pregnant Woman

From Christopher Isiguzo in Abakaliki, 03.24.2009

Tragedy struck weekend in Abakaliki, Ebonyi state capital as a yet-to-be identified gang of armed robbers took over the streets of the city, killing three policemen and a pregnant woman.

The three policemen, according to eyewitness account, were a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP) and a Constable.

Informed sources also had it that the gang of robbers stormed the once quiet city almost at the same time, shooting sporadically in the air, stopping passers-by and robbing them of their property.

Policemen and civilians alike were victims of the assault that lasted for about 30 minutes.

The robbers reportedly shot to death a police constable, Mr. Edwin Okoh, at a filling station where he was refilling his motorcycle even as they collected his rifle.

Another police officer of the Mobile Police unit said to be receiving treatment at an hospital in Enugu State was lucky as the robbers only shot him on the hand but could not collect his gun.

A woman, simply identified as Mrs. Emma, now receiving treatment at Federal Medical Centre (FMC), Abakaliki was reportedly shot and robbed of her car just as another pregnant woman was reportedly battered to death by the hoodlums.

The Public Relation Officer of the state police command, Mr. Christ Anyanwu, confirmed the robbery incidents.

He explained that the dead woman came from Kano to the state to see her husband who works in the area, saying that the visit was unfortunately her first trip to the area.

Anyanwu said the police were investigating the matter and would soon bring the perpetrators to book.

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