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Gunmen Attack another Abia Police Station, Kill Two Officers

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Umuahia

of Abia State

Two police officers were shot
dead in the early hours of
yesterday as unknown gunmen
destroyed a divisional police
station at Ubakala in Umuahia
South Local Government Area

The attack which was
confirmed by the police public
relations officer (PPRO), SP
Geoffrey Ogbonna, was the
seventh incident involving police
formations across the state since
February.

The police spokesman said

that the attackers had attempted
to gain entry through the front
of the station but were repelled
by the officers, adding that
the hoodlums retreated and
re-launched their attack through
the back.

He said that the ugly incident
occurred at about 12.10am,
adding that the hoodlums used
explosives to destroy the police
facility.

Ogbonna regretted that

though police operatives were
deployed to reinforce security at
the station, "we lost two of our
men in the process" of repelling
the assailants.

He said that the number of
the hoodlums that launched
the deadly attack could not
be ascertained, adding that
investigation had commenced
into the matter.

Eyewitnesses said they
experienced "extreme fear and

panic when the gunshots and
explosions rocked the area just
after midnight".

According to a resident, who
simply identified himself as Chief
Bernard, the entire residents of
the vicinity were woken from
their sleep when the armed
confrontation ensued.

"We could not sleep any
longer after we were rudely
woken by deadly sounds of
guns and what seemed to be

explosions," he said.

The attack on the Ubakala
Divisional Police Station was the
second time a police formation
had been targeted within the
capital city after the attack on
Mike Okiro Police Station near
Ubani Modern Market.

Other police stations that had
been attacked and destroyed
include the ones located at
Omoba, Abayi Aba, Nkporo,
Bende and Uzuakoli.

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