

'No DSS Personnel was Abducted in Abaji'

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The Directorate of State Security (DSS) yesterday denied that some personnel of the agency were kidnapped by armed bandits in Abaji Area Council.

There were reports that a member of a vigilante group in the area was killed while some DSS operatives were allegedly abducted when the bandits stormed the area shooting sporadically.

Eyewitness accounts said it was a night of horror as the gunmen sustained sporadic gunshots for hours, killing a member of a vigilante group.

The bandits had attacked

the place, which had become notorious for abductions, armed robbery and other criminalities with minimal security presence in the area.

But a short statement by DSS on its WhatsApp platform last night denied that any staff of the agency was kidnapped.

"It is not true. No DSS personnel was abducted in Abaji or anywhere in the FCT", the statement posted by the Spokesman of DSS, Dr Peter Afunanya, said.

Efforts to reach the Federal Capital Territory Police Command on the matter was unsuccessful.