

Gunmen Invade Police Station in Imo, Kill Two Operatives

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Gunmen Friday night attacked Mgbidi Divisional Police Headquarters in Imo State, killing an inspector and leaving another policeman with injuries.

According to eyewitnesses, the attack caused panic in the area as the hoodlums who came in a vehicle and police operatives engaged in a firefight.

THISDAY gathered that the

gunmen had on arrival, opened fire but the policemen on duty responded swiftly to repel the attack.

The invaders were said to have arrived around 9:00 p.m. on Friday and met stiff opposition by policemen who engaged them in a shootout, which resulted in the death of the police officer.

Confirming the incident yesterday, the spokesperson for the police in the state, Mr. Micheal

Abattam said that the attackers were repelled by the officers on duty.

He, however, confirmed that one inspector was killed while another sustained minor injury during the attack.

Abattam said: "On January 14, at about 20:45 hours, the command's tactical teams at Mgbidi Police Station repelled an attack by some hoodlums who came in a white Hilux vehicle shooting sporadically,

attempted to gain entrance into the station but were repelled by the ever gallant command's tactical teams and the police operatives of the division who positioned themselves professionally

"They engaged the hoodlums in a gun duel. In the process, the attackers were suppressed almost immediately, having suffered a huge defeat, with a number of them sustaining various degrees of bullet wounds."