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# Gunmen attack bullion van in Warri, kill 3 policemen

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Unknown gunmen at the weekend ambushed a bullion van on Benin-Warri road, near th Oghara junction in Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, killing three mobile police escorts.

Three other mobile police escorts were seriously injured and now receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital in Warri.

Nigerian Tribune gathered on Monday that the bullion van with the police escort jeep, were returning to Warri from Benin when they ran into the ambush laid for them by the gunmen.

It was further gathered that the incident took place at about 5 p.m. last Friday, at Jaimeson bridge when the staff of a Warri based bank (names withheld) were heading back to base, after transacting official business at the Central Bank of Nigeria's zonal office in Benin.

"We were returning from the CBN Benin when we suddenly ran into the ambush by gunmen. Immediately they opened fire and shot indiscriminately particularly towards the jeep carrying our police escort.

"In the process, three mobile policemen were shot. Two died on the spot initially, while the third one was finally killed when the gunmen could not get any reasonable money from the bullion van. Three others sustained injuries and are receiving treatment now", one of the victims narrated to the Nigerian Tribune.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO) Mr. Charles Muka, could not be reached for comments as he refused to pick his calls or replied to a text message sent to him.

The state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Yakubu Alkali, also refused to pick his calls at the time of filling this report.

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