

# Robbers invade *Vanguard's* office, kill staff

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**A**WKA — IT was a black Christmas for the staff of the Onitsha zonal office of Vanguard Media yesterday when armed robbers invaded the office, killed a Circulation Assistant and made away with cash and handsets. Killed was Mr. Ifeanyi Nnadi.

However, the robbers ran out of luck as two of them were apprehended by the police in Onitsha with the help of concerned citizens and *Okada* riders who gave them a hot chase after other work-

ers of the media outfit raised an alarm.

According to an eye witness, the robbers arrived the premises on a motorbike at about 8.30 a.m, parked in front of the office located on Old Market Road in the commercial city, and went straight to *Vanguard's* office where the circulation workers were making weekend collections.

The robbers opened fire and ordered the workers to surrender the money. Nnadi was said to have made a move to escape, an action which made

the hoodlums shoot him. He died instantly.

Following an alarm raised by the workers, sympathisers gave the suspects a hot chase and their efforts paid off when the suspects were apprehended.

The suspects were said to have confessed to police interrogators that a vendor (names withheld) gave them information about the collection of money in the office.

*Vanguard* gathered that the police recovered a locally made shot gun with which they shot Nnadi, cash and

two handsets taken from one of the staff.

Onitsha Police Area Commander, Rashidi Akintunde and the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Central Police Station, Mr. Angulu Usman, visited the *Vanguard* office where they inspected the scene of the incident.

Akintunde vowed that the police would leave no stone unturned to ensure that hoodlums and miscreants in the commercial town were flushed out.

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es have lately come under robbery attacks in Onitsha. In August, the *Sun* Newspaper circulation staff were attacked while going to lodge money in the bank.

*Vanguard* office has been attacked about four times in the last two years.