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Awka — IT was bleak Christmas for the Anambra State police command as five of its men were on Wednesday night killed by people suspected to be armed robbers at Abagana in Njikoka local government area of the state.

Vanguard gathered that the police men, who were on patrol in the area, were attacked from behind by the hoodlums who operated in a Hilux van. They fired the police men who were taken unawares and sped off.

The incident, which took place near a commercial bank in the area, made the people to think that they were going to attack the bank, but they did not.

They headed for Neni in Anaocha local government area where they were confronted by the mobile policemen on patrol and in the ensuing gun battle many of the robbers and the mobile men were wounded.

Police however recovered some AK 47 magazines and the Hilux, although it was not clear if any arrest was made.

Police public relations officer, Mr. Fidelis Agbo confirmed the incident, saying that investigations into the matter have started.

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