

Robbers kill three in Onitsha, cart away N12m

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ONITSHA—NO fewer than three persons were shot dead yesterday by armed robbers along Awka road in the commercial city of Onitsha. The robbers, an eyewitness told *Vanguard*, also made away with about N12 million said to have been in the boot of the car of their victims who were identified as staff of one of the petrol stations in Onitsha.

Vanguard investigation revealed that they were going to deposit their weekend sales in one of the commercial banks when

they were attacked and killed by the robbers. According to eyewitnesses, the robbers, who were said to have operated on two motorcycles, trailed the victims who were in a Peugeot 504 Station Wagon with Reg. No. DR937PHC, intercepted them at Okosi junction where they opened fire on the three occupants of the car. The victims, including two middle-aged men and a young lady, were said to be the manager, cashier and driver of one of the popular petrol stations in the area. The source told *Vanguard* that the robbers who were armed with AK47 rifles and

other sophisticated weapons, rained bullets on the car till it skidded off the road and rammed into a building, housing an Aluminum manufacturing company.

When *Vanguard* visited the scene of the incident, the corpses had been removed, but the victims' car was still at the scene of the incident, while the whole ground was smeared with blood.

Contacted, Anambra State Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Emeka Chukwuemeka, confirmed the incident but said only one person was killed in the robbery operation.