

Police in Ebonyi foil robbery, kill 2

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ABAKALIKI—EBONYI State police command, yesterday, foiled a robbery operation and killed two of the robbery suspects while they were robbing a phone shop in Abakaliki, the state capital.

The incident, it was gathered, took place on the popular road around 7p.m. of the fateful day.



Contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, ASP George Okafor confirmed the incident.

According to him, “the command received a distress call that the robbers were robbing the popular phone shop, C-Net, and we quickly dispatched our men to intercept the robbers.”

Policemen

He said when his men arrived the scene, one of the robbers engaged one of its officers and

stabbed him repeatedly in various parts of the body and even attempted to take his rifle.

He said: “But our men were up to the task and responded, leading to the shooting of the assailant and one of his colleagues.”

The police Spokesman said the two injured robbers and the police officer were rushed to the hospital, but the suspects died on the way while the officer is

currently responding to treatment at the Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, FETHA.

“A locally made gun and ammunition and some of the phones robbed from the shop were recovered by the command from the suspects,” he added.

According to the Spokesman, none of the staff of the company was harmed during the operation.

Okafor urged the public to continue providing the police with credible information that will help in checkmating crimes in the state.