

2 killed as suspected cultists invade police station to free robbery suspects in Delta

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JESSE— TWO persons that reportedly stormed the Jesse Police Station in Jesse, Ethiope West Local Government Area of Delta State, yesterday, in an attempt to free some robbery suspects, were killed by police operatives on guard.

Delta State Police Public Relations Officer, Onome Onowhalkpoyeya, who confirmed the attack, said: "Two persons were shot dead after they attacked Jesse Police Station cell today (yesterday) and attempted to free some robbery suspects.

"They had broken the key of the cell when Policemen on duty re-enforced and went after them and two of them were shot dead in the process."

But a source at the community, who craved anonymity, told *Vanguard* that the police were economical with the truth, adding: "The truth is that one of those *Yahoo boys* had an issue with another one involving money and was chased into the police station with a machete, and right there he butchered him to death and the murderer was running away when the police shot him."

The source said that residents of the community were angered by the brutal way the guy was shot so they mobilised themselves intending to set the station on fire, and in the process, a woman was hit by a stray bullet "and she is now receiving treatment in an undisclosed clinic in the town."

The corpses have been deposited in a mortuary around the community.

When *Vanguard* visited the scene, security men and members of the vigilante group were seen on ground in an attempt to calm the situation.