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Gunmen kill policeman, injure 2 others, take away guns in PH

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PORT HARCOURT— A police inspector, identified simply as Michael, was reportedly killed by unidentified gunmen, who also injured two other officers and took away two guns belonging to the victims.

It was gathered that the policemen were attacked at their duty post along Captain Amangala Junction in Borikiri area of Port Harcourt City, Rivers State, Sunday evening.

An eyewitness, who preferred anonymity, claimed that the act was perpetrated by some cultists terrorising the said area.

The source alleged that the cultists that attacked the cops fled through Orupolo Waterside where they are involved in illegal bunkering, also known as *kpofire*.

He claimed that the boys might have attacked the policemen following repeated harassment and extortion by the police officers at the junction while they (bandits) transport their refined products.

Contacted, the Public Relations Officer of the Rivers State Police Command, Nnamdi Omoni, confirmed the development.

Nnamdi Omoni, who in a statement in Port Harcourt, yesterday, described the development as mindless, said the remains of the murdered policeman have been deposited in a mortuary.

He said: "I can confirm the unfortunate and mindless attack last night (Sunday) on our personnel from Borikiri Division, posted on a Pin-Down Point at Capt Amangala Junction, Borikiri Port Harcourt.

"While on duty unknown gunmen numbering about 17 launched a surprise attack on them, leading to the death of an Inspector of Police, while others sustained gunshot wounds. The police patrol vehicle belonging to the team was riddled with bullet holes. The corpse of the late Inspector has been evacuated and deposited in a mortuary for autopsy.

"In the meantime, the CP has ordered a serious manhunt for the perpetrators, with the marching order to all the Tactical Units to identify and apprehend them without delay. The area is under close monitoring."