

# ....Storm police checkpoint, kill Inspector, cart away rifle

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**O**GBIA ~~GUNMEN~~ in the early hours of yesterday, attacked a police checkpoint in Kele, Ogbia Local Government Area, Bayelsa State, killing an Inspector and carted away with service rifles.

The gunmen, numbering six, reportedly attacked a stop and search checkpoint, a stone throw from the police divisional headquarters at 12a.m. while three policemen were on duty.

The fallen police inspector was said to have died in hospital after he was rushed for medical attention.

An indigene of the area, simply identified as Thankgod, who confirmed the incident, said the serene settlement

was early, yesterday, jolted by sound of sporadic gunshots and it was discovered that the divisional police headquarters was under attack.

According to the source, "Three policemen were on duty when the police station was attacked. One of the policemen was shot and died later in the hospital. The unknown gunmen made away with two rifles."

It was also learned that the police assault squad made up of the Operation Puff Adder and the Anti-Cultism unit were deployed to the area.

The spokesman of the state police command, Asinim Butswat, who confirmed the incident, said the police have launched investigation into the incident.