

Police confirm killing of 2 personnel in P-Harcourt

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PORT HARCOURT— Two police operatives attached to the Rivers State Police Command were, Tuesday night, killed by gunmen in Port Harcourt with one of their AK-47 rifles taken away.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, stated yesterday: "I can confirm the attack on our men posted to Okija Street on stop-and-search by gunmen last night. Two Police officers were killed.

"Investigation has been ordered by the Commissioner of Police. One Toyota Corolla with number plate, Rivers ABU 380 AW, used by the attackers was abandoned; one AK-47 rifle belonging to one of the officers was taken away."

Community sources said the vehicle owner was a part-time cab driver who had picked the armed gang, a lady and three men for a drop on routine cab service.

A source told *Vanguard*: "The driver surrendered self to the Diobu, Mile 1 Police Division where the murdered

policemen were attached. He never knew the men he picked for a drop before the unfortunate happened.

"He was taking them through Okija that night at about 8 pm. As they approached the police checkpoint, the four-man gang asked him to reverse the car, but he said he wouldn't, that sure his vehicle papers were okay.

"As the police were checking on him, the gang occupants behind gunned down the two policemen. The gunmen left his car and hijacked another car in which they disappeared from the scene."

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