

## Police in Anambra recovers lifeless body of man shot by gunmen in Anambra

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**N**NEWI—The Anambra State Police Command said it has launched an investigation into the killing of a yet-to-be-identified man, alleged to have been shot dead on the Onitsha/Owerri Expressway Anambra State by gunmen.

The Police also disclosed that it had recovered the victims lifeless body, while sources near the scene of the incident said the victim was trailed and shot by some gunmen riding in a Toyota Sienna vehicle on the expressway.

An eyewitnesses who pleaded anonymity said the victim was shot on the stomach, adding that the attack happened on Thursday morning.

According to an eye witness, "The victim was shot on the stomach by the gunmen who were riding in a Toyota Sienna vehicle on the Onitsha Owerri road. They shot him and abandoned his lifeless body and fled the scene.

"The Police operatives from Ozubulu Divisional Police Station were alerted and they came the following day to remove the corpse."

The state Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Tochukwu Ikenga, confirmed the attack and removal of the lifeless body of the victim in a statement, yesterday.

According to Ikenga, "A spot observation by the Police responding team and report from eyewitnesses at the scene revealed that the victim was shot on the stomach.

"In the early hours of January 23, 2025, Police operatives attached to Ozubulu Divisional Headquarters responded to a distress call on the Onitsha/Owerri Express Road and recovered the body of a yet to be identified young man.

"The command hereby seeks assistance from members of the public for possible identification of the victim and other information that will facilitate the ongoing investigative proceedings."

"Meanwhile, the body has been deposited at the morgue and further developments shall be communicated."