

Rivers: Robbers kill 1, cart away N13m workers' salaries

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Heavily armed robbers yesterday stormed Gitto Construction Company in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital and carted away a whooping N13 million, meant for workers' salaries.

The dare devil robbers also shot a mechanic working for the construction firm dead, when they suspected that he was trying to raise an alarm.

Eye witness account said the hoodlums stormed the company about 9.45am yesterday and began shooting sporadically into the air to scare away people.

The eye witness who pleaded anonymity further said the robbers got information that the company was about paying salaries of workers, hence they opened fire on some mobile policemen guarding the

They reportedly searched some of the offices in the company before stealing the sum of N13 million meant for workers' salaries.

Contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Dr. (Mrs.) Rita Inoma-Abbey confirmed the incident, saying the robbers came in a Hummer Jeep and a car.

Inoma-Abbey, a Superintendent of Police (SP) said the robbers had parked at the front of company's gate and pretended to be pouring water on the radiator of one of the vehicles they came in, not knowing

She said: "The armed robbers came to the place at about 9.30hours in the morning and opened fire on some mobile policemen on duty. The policemen were injured alongside two civilians."

She added that those injured during the attack were receiving treatment in a hospital.

The Police image maker also confirmed that the armed robbers carted away the sum of N13 million meant for the payment of workers' salaries.