

# 1 killed, as robbers attack gold marchants in PH

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**S**USPECTED armed robbers on Wednesday attacked a market owned by gold merchants in D-line area of Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital, killing one person.

The robbers carted away millions of Naira and equipment from their victims, whose markets is located along the Okija area, while some of them were injured.

It was leant that the

robbers numbering over 20 came in four cars, including a Toyota Camry and Jeeps with sophisticated weapon, shooting sporadically into the air.

An eye witness said the robbers shot into the air for about one hour, before breaking into the shops and carted away gold items and millions of Naira.

"This morning around 1:30 am, we heard heavy gun shots. We all woke up to discover

that the armed robbers were in our shops. They started by breaking into my shop with sophisticated guns whose sounds were shaking the entire building.

"They collected money and gold from me and

when to the second shop, met two boys, shot one of them and severely wounding the other," he said.

One of the victims who gave his name as Alhaji Hassan told Daily Champion that the

robbery operation lasted for more than an hour.

The Rivers State Police Commissioner, Suleiman Abba confirmed the incident to Daily Champion, saying, "I have already instructed my deputy in-charge of operation to

ensure that the area is secured so as to prevent further attack on the gold merchants.

It was leant that the police only came to scene about 5pm after; several hours after the criminals had gone, just as a team of police men had been stationed there since then.