

# RIVERS: 3 robbers killed in failed bank robbery

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**L**UCK ran out of three armed robbers yesterday, when security operatives from the Rivers State Police Command shot and killed the trio during a failed bank robbery at the Agip Junction in Port Harcourt.

Meanwhile, two policemen who confronted the criminals during the incident sustained gunshot wounds, just as residents and passers-by ran for their lives to avoid being hit by a stray bullet.

It was learnt that dare-devil robbers parked their Nissan X-terra jeep near the bank premises about 3pm yesterday, while monitoring the situation there, before some vigilant policemen on escort duty noticed them.

But no sooner had one of the security operative moved closer to inquire what the mission of the hoodlums were, than the criminals opened fire on the policemen.

Immediately, an exchange of gunfire ensued within the bank building, just as two of the armed robbers were subdued to death on the spot, even as the third member of the gang who was shot, raced into a nearby swamp behind the State School of Health where he eventually gave up the ghost.

The State Deputy Commissioner of Police, Operations, Jashak Habila, who spoke to newsmen on the incident said that the two policemen who sustained injuries during incident were rushed to Teme Clinic, a trauma centre in Port Harcourt.