

## Armed robbers kill lady at Wuse market

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A young lady of about 20 years was Monday killed by gang of armed robbers at about 5 pm along the busy Wuse market in the Federal Capital Territory (FCT), Abuja.

The robbery gang was thought to have trailed the woman and her colleague all the way from the GSM village before the assault. There was a heavy traffic hold-up at the time the incident occurred, but the armed robbers ran away, an eye witness said.

The dead woman whose name could not be ascertained by the police was a dealer in mobile phones and had just closed shop for the day when the robbers attacked her, eye witness said.

The victim was said to have got trapped in the regular evening hold up along the Wuse market road when the bandits struck. The robbers' gun shots quickly brought an end to the hold up, and only few people saw what really happened as people fled the scene.

The robbers were said to have ordered the driver of the car to surrender the handsets and money which were in the boot of the car to them but he declined. "This prompted the robbers to shoot them at close range and the lady died instantly; the driver also sustained serious injury", the eye witness said

After the shooting, the robbers were said to have opened the boot and made away with handsets and an undisclosed sum of money.

Police public relations officer, FCT police command, DSP Nwaoha Uzoma, confirmed the incident and said the case was being investigated. He told City News that the corpse of the victim had been deposited at the Wuse General Hospital mortuary but he had no information about the driver of the vehicle. He asserted that the police had mapped out strategies to ensure that the culprits are arrested.

"The rate of crime in Nigeria has become rampant – it is not just Abuja. Every day you hear about cases of theft and killings, but we are doing all we can to bring an end to it", he said.