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Robbers kill policeman, two others in Keffi

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A gang of armed robbers Saturday shot and killed a policeman, John Peter, of the Mobile Police Squad in Keffi, Nasarawa State.

The robbers, according to witnesses, also killed two other persons including a woman.

The Nasarawa State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) ASP Richard Akoji could not be reached for comment.

However, the chairman of Keffi Local Government Engr Idris Mohammed who confirmed the incident, said the operation shocked the council since it was the first of its kind in recent times. The council boss said his council was taking measures to maintain security of lives and property in the area.

Witnesses said the robbers who stormed the area around the Federal Medical Centre (FMC) at about 8pm operated for over 40 minutes as they moved from shop to shop, taking cash and other valuables from owners.

The deceased policeman walked into the robbers as he entered one of the shops to purchase a GSM recharge card. He was said to have been asked by the robbers to surrender a gun he was carrying, but he struggled with them.

The robbers continued with the shooting even after killing him in order to scare any challenge in the operation, a development which led to the killing of a man and a woman in front of the Keffi motor park. But as they shot their way out of the area, a team of policemen on patrol were attracted to the scene, leading to the killing of one of the robbers. The others escaped without a trace.

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