

Robbers attack filling station, kill 2 in Gombe



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Armed robbers Sunday evening raided a filling station in Gombe and killed the manager of the station and one other person before carting away undisclosed amounts of money.

Spokesman of the state police command Ahmed Kidaya Mohammed, who confirmed the incident, said another victim who sustained gunshot injuries was being treated at the Federal Medical Centre, Gombe.

He said investigations were ongoing and urged members of the public to always inform the police about any suspected criminal activities.

A witness, who spoke to newsmen on condition of anonymity, said Solid Contact Petroleum Station, a mega station of the Nigerian National Petroleum Company (NNPC) located at BCGA Quarters along the Gombe-Biu Road was attacked by the gunmen when the station was about closing for the day.

According to him, “three gunmen walked into the station and started shooting in the air to scare away customers. They headed for the manager’s office where he and some of his

staff were reconciling accounts”.

It was also gathered that the assailants asked all the staff of the station to lie down before shooting the manager, Mr. Patrick Ogaji, severally on his stomach.

Our correspondent reports that the assailants also shot two other persons who were not staff of the station. One died on the spot, while the other is currently receiving treatment in hospital.

