## Two cops, three others shot dead in Lagos bank robbery

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Five persons among whom two policemen attached to a <u>bullion van</u> were on Tuesday shot dead by a gang of armed robbers at Muwo area of Lagos metropolis.

At the end of the operation, which witnesses said lasted about 30 minutes, a yet to be ascertained amount ruining into several millions of naira was carted away by the gunmen.

The identity of one of the policemen killed was simply given as Sergeant Sunday on guard duty to one of the new generation banks in Badagry.

An impeccable police source told Daily Trust that the van was on its way to Lagos from Badagry when it was ambushed by a five man gang of robbers.

It was reliably learnt from some witnesses that the robbers laid siege for the unsuspecting occupants of the bullion van around a failed portion of the road at Muwo.

The witnesses also said the robbers, who dressed in camouflage, opened fire at the approaching van, killing the policemen, a Sergeant and a Corporal in the process.

"They jumped out from their hiding place by the side of the road, after other occupants of the bullion van had fled from the scene, carting away all that was contained in the van. The key to the back of the van where the money was kept was destroyed with the butt of the rifle" the witnesses said.

The robbers, five of them in number, fled untouched through the Ogun State side of Muwo.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Umar Manko, who confirmed the incident however stated that only one police Sergeant was killed in the attack. He gave the name of the deceased policeman as Sunday Agiboricaen and that the robbers came into Lagos from Ogun

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