

2 Robbers shot guard, cart away money from bank

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A security guard was Wednesday shot dead while an undisclosed amount of money was carted away by a group of suspected armed men in a robbery operation in a micro finance bank in Kubwa, Abuja.

City News gathered that four robbers stormed the bank premises, located at the Phase 4 area of the town, around 11.45a.m., with a Toyota Carina E car.

Witnesses said they parked their vehicle in front of the one-story building housing the bank, and one of them alighted from the car and moved straight to the bank with a black polythene bag, pretending to be a customer.

One of the shop owners within the area said the suspected robber was about to climb the staircase leading to the banking hall when the only security man, simply identified as Samson, insisted he must be searched.

The shop owner said: "It was in course of the search that he detected a metal object inside the bag and while he was struggling with the robber to confirm

the content of the bag, the robber brought out a gun and shot Samson twice in the head, before he eventually made his way into the banking hall."

He said the robber was immediately joined by his accomplice to rob the bank, while two others took their positions outside.

He said the suspects had succeeded in robbing both the staff and customers of the bank and were shooting sporadically while driving away when they were engaged in a gun battle with the police who arrived shortly following a distress call.

City News learnt that a cashier in the bank, suspected to have conspired with the robbers, was arrested, as she was said to have ordered them to stop shooting during the operation, an instruction they immediately complied with.

When contacted, the Kubwa Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Chief Superintendent Nuruddeen Sabo, said one of the robbers escaped with a bullet wound he sustained during the shoot-out with the police.

He said efforts were on to arrest the suspects.