

Gunmen kill police officer in P/Harcourt

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The Rivers State police command confirmed yesterday that a police officer was killed in a gun battle with an armed robbery gang in Port Harcourt.

The Command Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni told reporters in Port Harcourt that the policeman lost his life in an attempt to foil a bank robbery in a new generation bank.

He said the robbers who had trailed a bank customer had hot exchange of gun fire with the police where the officer was killed while some of the robbers sustained serious bullet wounds.

A witness told our reporter that the gunmen who drove into the bank premises in a Toyota Corolla car had trailed a customer who had gone to the bank to withdraw money, that as soon as the customer withdrew the money and was about leaving the bank in company of a police escort, the gunmen opened fire on the vehicle.

The witness could not confirm if the customer and the police escort were killed in the attack but said that huge sums of money loaded in the popular 'Ghana must go' bag were carted away by the criminals.

"I was standing at the bus stop waiting for a taxi to Bori camp. I heard a gunshot and at that point everybody started running helter-skelter. I had to run towards Rumukwurushi end because the gun shot was very severe," the witness said.