

2 killed as robbers attack banks, police station in Kogi

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Dare-devil robbers yesterday invaded Anyigba in Dekina Local Government Area of Kogi State, raided two banks and killed two persons.

The incident happened around 5pm when the gunmen attacked First Bank and Access Bank, including a police station in the town, and made away with an unspecified amount of money.

According to an eyewitness, the robbers in their numbers, on entering the town, attacked the police station along Anyigba-Idah Road and neutralised its operatives before embarking

on their nefarious mission.

The slain policeman, simply identified as Idoko, was said to have been recently posted to the station and hailed from the neighbouring town of Iyale in the same local government.

Also, a Hausa man, popularly known as Alagama, who was said to be selling small items at a roundabout, a few metres from the scene of the incident, was reportedly killed by a stray bullet during the operation.

The gunmen were said to have trailed bullion vans belonging to Access Bank to its Anyigba office and disarmed its security operatives before carting away all the money.

Similarly, another group said to be members of the gang invaded the First Bank in the town and made away with an unspecified amount of money.

A resident, Alidu Baba, said, "It appears that the robbers were in the town before the arrival of the bank's bullion vans.

"They were seen in different groups at different locations around the bank areas, shooting sporadically as the operation lasted.

"Idoko, who was killed, had just been transferred to the station from Lokoja".

Meanwhile, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the state police command, SP William Aya, did not respond to calls and text messages sent to him.