

One feared killed as robbers raid 10 Kaduna bureaux de change

A GANG of armed robbers on Wednesday invaded about 10 bureaux de change in Kaduna killing one person and carting away millions of dollars and other hard currencies.

The robbers, according to eyewitness report, spent about 40 minutes packing hard currency in several bureau de change premises along the road, killing one businessman and injuring several others, said he.

Policemen who later came to chase the men of the underworld, were, however, said to have been "overpowered by superior fire arms" and had to find

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cover at the neighbouring Kaduna club.

The driver of the police pick up van was said to have zoomed off to a nearby senior military officer's house to alert the soldiers on duty so that they might render helping hand to dislodge the robbers.

According to Malam Sani MaiKwai who said he was terrified by the sporadic gun shots around the robbery scene, noted that "the robbers came in a black Sports Utility Van (SUV) and a Mercedes CLK, held the businessmen operating the

bureau de change hostage for over 30 minutes, while packing dollars, pounds sterling and euros in "Ghana must go bags".

He said when the robbers were about leaving, police who came to the scene fired a teargas gun and the robbers started shooting sporadically. They killed an unidentified man as he attempted to run.

Those injured were rushed to a nearby hospital and admitted into the intensive care units. The sad incident made many lovers who thronged the area to enjoy the (lover's day) celebration, particularly at the Hamdala Hotel

swimming pool and other nearby taverns to run back to their homes to avoid been hurt in the attack.

The exact amount of money stolen was not ascertained at the time of filing this report, but its naira equivalent was said to be running into billions.

The Police Command in Kaduna is yet to issue a statement concerning the robbery incident but sources said that investigation has already commenced on the attack.

The Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Sa'ad Yahaya, could not be reached for comments.