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## Robbers storm hotel, kill two in Delta

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**A**RMED bandits operating in Irri Community, Isoko South Local Council of Delta State yesterday killed a security guard attached to a newly opened hotel along Aviara Road in the area.

It was gathered that the incident, which occurred in the early hours of yesterday, saw the hoodlums shooting sporadically at the hotel when they struck around 5:20a.m.

One of the stray bullets hit the guard (name withheld) who died on the spot. Another person was also hit but died while being rushed to the hospital for treatment.

The police image maker in

the state, Mr. Andrew Aniamaka, who confirmed the incident, disclosed that the deceased security man had attempted to stop the armed men, numbering over eight, from gaining access into the hotel when they opened fire on him.

But the hotel owner (name withheld) said the guard died from prolonged bleeding from gunshot injuries after the bandits tied him up and gagged him while their operation lasted.

The robbers were said to have robbed residents of the area and allegedly made away with an estimated sum of N700,000 and some valuables from the hotel.