

# Robbers Kill Four Policemen In Abia

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→ Dare devil armed bandits on Wednesday in Abia State shot and killed four policemen attached to the Imo State Police Command and injured others in an attempt to rob a bullion van.

It was gathered that the bandits opened fire on the police escort team and the bullion van as they drove past their hiding place killing the four policemen instantly but escaped disappointed for not finding any money in the van.

The bullion, allegedly belonging to a first generation bank was moving towards Umuahia, the state capital from Imo State

to carry money when they were attacked by men of the under world.

Sources said the team had left Imo State at 12.30 p.m. and were blaring their siren until they got to a spot few kilometers from Umuahia when they noticed an unusual movement of vehicles.

Eyewitnesses said on noticing the change in the movement of the vehicles, the police escort team became apprehensive and put themselves on the alert but were taken unawares when the bandits opened fire on them from a nearby bush sending scores of other road users running for safety.

The escort were said to have been unlucky because they

never anticipated the superior fire power of the bandits who allegedly shot at the vehicle from both sides of the road for an upward of 30 minutes.

It was further learnt that the surviving policemen returned fire but could not stand the bandits. They had to call for assistance but before help could come, the bandits had already opened the van and drove away in their when the found that there was no money in the van.

When contacted on telephone, office of the Imo State Police Command Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Isah Bala Mohammed, was said to have gone out on an official assignment.