

Robbers Raid Bank Again, Kill One

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Daredevil robbers struck again in Lagos on Wednesday morning and left in their wake one person dead.

The robbers, who were dressed in police uniform, armed with sophisticated weapons and other house breaking imple-

ments, invaded Coker branch of a new generation bank at 1a.m and left at 5a.m. They stole millions of naira from the bank located on Mile 2/Apapa Road, Lagos.

A guard on duty at the bank was not spared as the bandits pumped bullets into his body.

On arrival, the robbers opened fire at the bank building and in

the process, bullets shattered computer sets and window glasses.

Thereafter, they pumped bullets into the vault. But when they could not break the safe because it is bullet proof, they used oxyacetylene gas to rip it open.

Following a distress call, operatives from the Special Anti-

Robbery Squad (SARS), Ikeja, Trinity and Kirikiri Divisions, Area 'B' Command Headquarters, Apapa and mobile policemen with an Armoured Personnel Carrier (APC) raced to the scene and engaged the bandits in a gun battle.

Expended shells of ammunition littered the ground and a pool of blood suspected to be that

of the slain guard was on the floor. However, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Olubode Ojajuni, said the robbers did not gain entry into the bank's vault but only stole an un-estimated amount of money found in a bag within the banking hall.

He added that the robbers fled because of the superior firepower of the police.