Iwo Policemen Feared Dead

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Two policemen were feared dead during a shootout with armed men who attempted to rob a bank in Lagos on Thursday.

Informed sources hinted that the two slain anti-robbery operatives, along with others, attached to the Idimu Division, attempted to dislodge the men, who attempted to raid a branch of a bank at Faith Bus stop close to YemKem Plaza, Idimu, when they met their untimely death.

It was gathered that the

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robbers, wielding sophisticated weapons, arrived at the bank at around 1.30 p.m.

On arrival, it was alleged that they shot sporadically into the air to pave way for an easy passage into the banking hall

However, anti-robbery operatives attached to Idimu Division, who were responding to a distress call, it was learnt, fought the bandits but lost two of their colleagues in the process. At

press time, details on how much money was stolen from the bank, was still sketchy.

Meanwhile, a source disclosed that the robbers did not succeed in taking anything from the bank because of what it described as the timely arrival of policemen at the scene of incident. Similarly, an attack on another bank at Ikotun on Thursday afternoon was thwarted.

According to a senior police officer at Ikotun Division, immediately the initial attack

on a bank at Idimu was aired via the control room, antirobbery operatives attached to the division were drafted to all the banks in the vicinity. Three persons in the vicinity of the bank whose movement was suspicious were placed under arrest.

Efforts to speak with the Lagos State Police Command Spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, Superintendent of Police, proved unsuccessful, as he could not be reached for clarification on the incident.