

Robbers Raid Bank In Ikire, Kill Two

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Daredevil armed robbers on Thursday struck in Ikire, headquarters of Irewole Council, Osun State, killing a policeman and a driver. Two other victims were on danger list at the Obafemi Awolowo University Teaching Hospital (OAUTH), Ile-Ife.

The five-man gang invaded one of the second generation banks in the town at 8.35am,

stealing an undisclosed amount of money.

The policeman was identified as Oyewole Lateef from MOPOL 4 in Ibadan while the second person was the driver of the bullion van conveying money to the bank from Ibadan. His name was given as Tunji.

A witness said the robbers came in two V-boot Mercedes Benz cars and laid ambush near the bank for the bullion van.

It was learnt that when the rob-

bers did not see the bullion van, three of them jumped into the banking hall and stole some money. The bullion van and the police escorts arrived while the robbers were on their way out. They immediately opened fire on the van and the escorts.

One of the policemen was killed in the ensuing gun battle while the driver died on the way to the hospital.

Those injured were rushed to OAUTH while the corpse of the

policeman was deposited at the mortuary of the same hospital.

The state Police Commissioner, John Moronike, later visited the bank to assess the situation.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Joshua Olayemi, confirmed the report.

He disclosed that the police had commenced investigation into the case.

Olayemi, however, said the robbers did not succeed in stealing the money inside the bullion van.