

Four Bandits Killed In Delta Bank Robbery

•Two Policemen, One Civilian In Critical Condition

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It was a sad day for residents of Agbor, headquarters of Ika South Council of Delta State, on Friday, as suspected armed robbers unleashed terror on them.

At the end of hostilities, no fewer than three persons, including four bandits were killed, while several others were wounded seriously in a cross-fire between the robbers and police.

The hoodlums numbering 10 had between 9.55 a.m. and 10.35 a.m. arrived a first generation bank in the town to rob it, but a police orderly to

the Commissioner for Women Affairs, Community and Social Development, who was in the neighbourhood of the bank, reportedly put up a stiff resistance.

The bandits on arrival were said to have opened sporadic fire to scare people away.

Witness account averred that the orderly was carried shoulder high because of his bravery which led to the shooting of one of the gunmen identified as Chukwudi Obasi and wounding of another at the shoulder blade who later died.

In the cross fire an apprentice identified as Ifeanyi, was killed by a stray bullet while a policeman attached to Agbor

police station, a bank senior officer, a primary three pupil of Ideal Group of Schools, Agbor and many others who were seriously wounded by stray bullets are now receiving treatment at the Central Hospital, Agbor and private hospitals in the town.

It was gathered that though the bandits broke into the banking hall and made away with some cash, they could not gain access to the bank's strong room.

After the operation that lasted more than 40 minutes with continuous gun shots, the robbers were reported to have fled through the Abraka Road, with one of the bandits meeting his waterloo at Owa - Oyibu,

headquarters of Ika North - East Local Government Area.

The bandits were said to have abandoned their minibus, three guns, unexpended cartridges at Owa - Oyibu where they were said to have snatched a Mercedes Benz car belonging to a high chief from the area.

The police at Agbor have trailed the bandits to Abraka where a combined operation of the mobile police and the Joint Taskforce on Security have spread their dragnet combing the area for ostensible arrest of other fleeing bandits.

Meanwhile, the mini bus with Lagos registration number JR 416 AAA, which the robbers used in the operation, has since been recovered with blood stains by the police.