

Armed Robbers Kill Three Policemen

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Three policemen were on Thursday night killed by armed robbers at Uvbe along the Benin/Asaba Express way in Edo State after blocking a bullion van en-route Benin City from Onitsha in Anambra State. They stole the money in the bullion van.

The robbers, who were operating along the ever busy Benin /Asaba Highway, according to reports, also made

• Loot Bullion Van

away with the policemen's rifles.

The gang had succeeded in blocking a bullion van with one of the vehicles in the fleet of God's Time Motors, in which they were operating, the report said.

An eyewitness told this correspondent that the robbers, after robbing the first bullion van, were on their way to continuing their operation when they saw another bullion van parked by

the road side along with some other vehicles at Uvbe town, and opened fire on the escorts.

It was also gathered that the robbers, who carted away an unspecified amount of money from the bullion van, shot sporadically to scare away people as they made good their escape through the Oza/Igbanke Road in Orhionmwon Local Government Area of Edo State.

It was further learnt that the men of the Abudu Divisional Police on receiving the

information gave members of the gang a hot chase but could not catch up with them.

When *Saturday Independent* visited Aigbokun Hospital, Abudu the corpse of one of the police officers was seen while those of others were said to have been taken to Benin City.

Efforts to reach the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Abudu Division, Mr. Ahmed Umar (SP), proved abortive as he was said to be away to Benin on official duties. But a senior police officer at the station confirmed the report.