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Police Parade Bank Staff, 11 Others For Armed Robbery

By Rotimi Akinwumi Correspondent, Abuja

Inspector General (IG) of Police Mike Okiro, on Tuesday paraded a group of suspected armed robbers who allegedly attacked a bullion van belonging to Bullion Movement Company (BMC) on Onitsha-Enugu expressway.

It was while conveying N125 million belonging to the Central Bank, Awka branch, on September 17.

Among the suspects were a pregnant lady, Ifeoma Ekeloma, aged 25, who was said to be a girl friend of one of the suspects and Emma Umunna, aged 40, a staff of Intercontinental Bank, who allegedly, masterminded the robbery.

The rest of the group were Ebenezer Eloka, aged 23, Azuka victor Maduamagbo, 24, Augustine Arima Okafor, 22, Ngozi Samuel Nwobu, 35, Ellis Enobakhare, 31, Obinna Ibegbulam, 30, Michael Chukwuezi, 45, Sunday Ekwunife, 30, Emeka Nnalugha, 38 and Nonso Nwaolisa, aged 20.

According to the IG, Emma Umunna, who was Head of Cash Management, South East, for the bank, was the one who planned the robbery in connivance with Emeka Nnalugha, the Operations Officer of BMC, who recruited the others.

Umunna allegedly paid N1 million up front to Nnalugha to ensure that the deal was perfectly sealed and prevent any slack that could jeopardise the robbery. In his confessional statement, Ellis Enobakhare, a cash officer with Intercontinental Bank who accompanied the cash in transit, said it was Nnalugha who prevented the team from seeking help from men of Special Anti-robbery Squad (SARS) at Akwuzu, when the robbers were firing at the armored bullion van.

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