

Robbers kill police inspector at Auchi Oceanic Bank raid

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A POLICE inspector was on Wednesday morning killed in Oceanic Bank robbery that lasted for over an hour in Auchi, Etsako West Local Government Area of Edo State.

It was reported that the 15-man robbery gang who stormed the bank in two un-

marked vehicles, left several others; including another policeman and some students of Auchi Polytechnic injured.

It was also gathered that the robbers, who succeeded in carting away undisclosed sum of money, gained access into the banking hall through the back door during the working hours. The polytechnic students were said to be in

the banking hall paying their school fees during which they sustained varying degree of injuries as they scampered for safety.

A motorbike (okada) rider was hit by the stray bullet of the robbers, while a policeman was shot by the robbers at Aviele while escaping through the Auchi/Benin highway and sustained injury. The police

inspector that was killed was the leader of the reinforcement team sent to quell the robbery attack.

An Area Commander of Police, Andy Amiengheme, who confirmed the incident, said efforts were already on to track down the culprits and reiterated police readiness to always protect lives and properties of the citizenry.