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Two persons including a yet-to-be identified commercial motorcyclist, on Thursday, lost their lives as a 12-man armed robbery gang attacked a first generation bank in Ikere Ekiti, Ekiti State.

Confirming the incident, the Ekiti State Command Police public relations officer, Mr

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Victor Babayemi, said two persons also sustained gunshot injuries during the robbery operation, which occurred at about 5:15pm.

While eyewitness account has it that two persons were killed in the process, the police spokesman could only confirm one.

The source revealed that the armed robbers came in Siena Bus and a car, trailed a bullion van conveying a large amount of money to the bank located in Ikere Ekiti.

They blew up the security door with the aid of dynamite, gained entry into the banking hall and headed towards the strong room when they met with brick wall at the entrance.

It was gathered that the gun-wielding bandits shot sporadically into the air to scare the people as they made their way out of the bank through Ikere-Ilawe Road.

The road leading to Ado-Ekiti, the state capital, was blocked while motorists struggled to avoid the scene to escape being hit by stray bullets.

The policemen attached to a police station in Afao in Ikere close to the bank's premises reportedly fled into the bush upon getting wind of the robbery operation.

Men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) who later came to the town in Armoured Personnel Carrier and started moving round town were booed by the residents of the town for their late response.

The police spokesman, who said his men responded swiftly, stated that they gave the bandits a hot chase, forcing them to use dynamites in order to escape.

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