

Robbers kill two policemen in raid on Ekiti community

RESIDENTS of Aramoko-Ekiti, the headquarters of Ekiti West Local Government Area, Ekiti State, are still shocked by Sunday's attack by armed robbers on the police town's station.

The robbers killed two policemen and freed some suspects.

Sources told *The Nation* yesterday that the six-man gang began their operation from nearby Ido-Ile town in the same local government area where they attacked a house belonging to a prominent member of the community.

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The Olojudo of Ido-Ile, Oba Aderemi Obaleye, said the robbers arrived at the community at about 10.00 pm on Sunday night and lodged in a hotel.

He said they left for the home of their target, and on learning that he was not around, they embarked on a house-to-house raid, robbing innocent victims of their valuables, such as money and mobile phones.

Sources said the operation suffered a hitch when the robbers' Peugeot 504 estate car developed a fault.

While they were waiting to repair the car, vigilance men arrived at the scene and found arms inside the car.

They arrested two of the robbers who were whisked to Aramoko where they were detained.

The remaining four robbers attacked the police station to free them.

Oba Obaleye wondered

why the policemen kept the robbery suspects for long without transferring them to Ado-Ekiti police headquarters.

He said: "We had it on good authority that the robbers came to our town purposely to raid the house of one of our prominent sons who usually comes into town during the weekends. The robbers were led by a former security guard who wanted to take a revenge on his former boss who had sacked him sometime ago for his misdeemeanour and ungentlemanly traits.

"However luck ran out on them as the man had left for his base earlier in the evening and several hours before they came in. But for the vigilance of the people, these people of bad character would have succeeded in their nefarious activities."

The monarch called on the police to investigate the matter and punish the authorities of the Aramoko police station for alleged negligence and dereliction of duty.

The Commissioner of Police, Mr. Chris Ola, declined comments on the incident.

