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Robbers kill one in Ijebu-Ode

From Ernest Nwokolo, Abeokuta

Armed robbers yesterday raided a bureau de change in Ijebu-Ode, Ogun State.

They carted away about N4 million naira after killing one and injuring others.

The bandits who arrived at the bureau de change in a Hummer jeep, according to an eyewitness, ordered its Chairman, Alhaji Amidu Usman, at gunpoint to surrender all the money in his vault.

When he hesitated, they shot him on the leg.

They also killed Mallam Muhammadu as he attempted to escape from a shop where he along with others were locked in.

It was learnt that the robbers had placed Usman on surveillance and attacked him just as he returned from a bank where he had gone to make a withdrawal.

Usman, who is now receiving treatment at the State Hospital, Ijebu - Ode said the robbers snatched the N2.2 million he withdrew from the bank in addition to the N1.5 million he kept in his shop.

"The robbers, numbering about six, followed me from the bank and got down immediately I alighted from the car and demanded the money. I told them I didn't have dollars but they shot me on the leg and searched the shop, taking all the money away," Usman said.

The Divisional Police Officer Obalende, Ijebu Ode, Mr. Segun Fabunmi confirmed the incident, saying his men were tracking down the robbers.

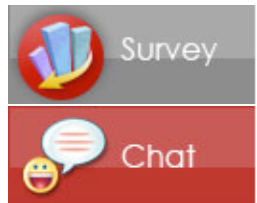
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