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Robbers kill one in Onitsha

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A four-man armed robbery gang, which laid siege to the Onitsha-Owerri Road yesterday, attacked a Toyota Corolla, killing the driver of the vehicle.

Two other occupants of the vehicle sustained injuries from gun shots. The robbers, it was said, made away with an undisclosed amount of money from the trunk of the car.

The robbery, which happened around 1 pm, forced banks in the area to close for fear of being attacked, while commuters and passersby deserted the road for several hours.

According to an eye witness, the robbery incident occurred at the first gate of the old Motor Spare-parts Market, Mgbuka Obosi.

The four-man robbery gang, he continued, operating on two motorbikes accosted the victims who were driving to Owerri.

"We saw two motorcycles blocking the car.

"They pulled out two sophisticated guns and fired at the car, shouting at the driver of the car to give them the money. They quickly went to the front of the car and rained about eight bullets on the driver, who died on the spot, while the two other occupants sustained various degrees of injuries".

The source added that "the robbers then went to the trunk of the car and shot at it, forcing it open and pulled out a black nylon bag suspected to contain a very huge amount of money and zoomed off."

According to the source, the robbers shot sporadically into the air to scare passers-by and drove towards the popular Upper Iweka.

After the robbers had gone, passers-by and sympathisers rallied round and rushed the three victims to the nearest hospital, though the driver had died at the spot.

When contacted, the State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Emeka Chukwuemeka, said he had not been briefed about the incident.

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