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## Robbers kill police officer in Ondo

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**A**RMED robbers yesterday reportedly killed a senior police officer identified as Itheme Wilfred, an Assistant Superintendent of Police (ASP), at Ijare town in Ifedore Local Government area of Ondo State.

A source said the deceased who was the Divisional Crime Officer (DCO) in Ijare Police Division and other officers were on official duty when the bandits carried out the dastardly act.

The robbers, it was gathered, who allegedly carried out an operation at Ikere Ekiti on Thursday evening were trying to escape through Ondo State and on sighting the security men on the Ijare-Ikere road, opened fire on the leader of the team.

Other members of the police patrol team reportedly fled into the bush, with the robbers allegedly carting away their arms and ammunition.

The robbers were said to have earlier attacked a commercial bank in Ikere Ekiti on that fateful day and carted away unspecified amount of money.

Police sources said the deceased got information that the robbers who operated in Ekiti State were heading towards Ijare in Ondo State, which is a border town of the two states.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr. Wole Ogodo, who confirmed the incident, said men of the State Special Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) have commenced a search for the bandits and expressed confidence that very soon, the robbers would be apprehended.

Ogodo said the remains of the shot police officer had since been deposited in a mortuary at the State Hospital, Akure.

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