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A group of yet-to-be identified gunmen attacked one of the new generation banks in Arochuku Local Government Area of Abia State, killing a Lagos-based businessman and carted away undisclosed cash from one of the bank's Automated Teller Machines (ATM).

Sources within Arochuku where the incident happened told our reporter that the incident lasted for about three hours and after the efforts of the robbers to break into the bank's vault, they turned to the ATMs where they succeeded in vandalizing one of them and carted away undisclosed cash.

Another source said that a Lagos-based building contractor, **Mr. Stephen Okereke, was killed because of the impact of the bullet wounds he sustained after the dreaded robbers shot sporadically at Tundra Sports Utility Vehicle (SUV) on sighting him within the area of their operation.**

According to the source, "the robbers operated from 1am to 3am unchallenged. The police who were alerted of the incident could not do anything. In fact, they (robbers) after robbing, drove pass the police and headed to the water where their speed boat was waiting for them before they made way to Cross River State.

"The robbers, we learnt, launched nine dynamites and yet, they could not have access to the bank's vault after breaking into the bank's main building.

When contacted, the Abia State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Geoffrey Ogbonna confirmed the robbery incident and was quick to dispel insinuations that police could not do anything to foil the robbery incident, stressing that the robbers' inability to break into the bank's vault was because the police officers were courageous enough to confront the armed bandits.

In a related development, The Nation gathered that a branch of the same bank was similarly attacked at Isuochi, Umunneochi Local Government Area where they made away with an undisclosed amount of money. Though information about the robbery incident as at the time of this report was still sketch, sources within the area confirmed the robbery incident.

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