

Robbers kill woman over N3, 500

A bread seller, identified simply as Dorcas, has been killed by armed robbers after they collected N3, 500 from her.

The deceased was said to have borrowed the money to boost her business after she was robbed in similar fashion last month.

Eyewitnesses said Dorcas was shot because she held onto the robbers and shouted for help.

The incident happened at about 8:45pm along the busy Mission Road in Benin City, Edo State capital.

The spot where she was shot along

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the walkway was stained with blood when The Nation visited the scene.

A witness, who gave his name as Jeremiah, said police men in a police patrol van at the nearby junction turned away when shots were fired.

"It was much later that the police came and took the body away. The police was at that junction when the incident happened."

Another witness said he was about to buy food when a girl and boy came with gun to rob them.

The witness said they robbed the food seller and bread seller, but the bread seller decided to struggle with them.

Edo police spokesman, DSP Stephen Onwochei, who confirmed the incident, denied eyewitnesses account that police in the area failed to help the victim.

Onwochei explained that policemen pursued the robbers into a water channel the robbers allegedly ran into.

"Our men recovered some bags and clothes inside the water channel where the robbers threw victims bags. We are still investigating the robbery."

