

Breaking news: Police kill two robbers in Edo

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Two armed robbers were Friday evening shot dead by men of the Edo State Police Command after a failed attempt to rob a man.

The dead robbers were part of a four-man robbery gang that trailed a man from Ughelli in Delta State to a new generation bank in Benin City.

Police sources said the robbers trailed their victim in a grey colour Toyota Corolla car and cornered him while he was leaving the bank with the sum of N500,000 with which he want to use to purchase a car.

The source said the robbers shot their victim in the leg after collecting the money and shot sporadically into the air.

They were however given a hot pursuit by men of Operation Thunder Storm, who were on a patrol in the area,

Two of the armed robbers were shot dead during an encounter at the Evbomore area of Ugbowo, off Ugbowo-Lagos Road, while another member of the gang was arrested.

The stolen money was also recovered.

At press time, the police had cordoned the area and were still searching for the fourth member of the gang.

The victim of the attack was said to have been rushed to the University of Benin Teaching Hospital (UBTH) for medical attention.

When contacted, spokesman of the Edo State Police command, DSP Moses Nkombe declined comment, saying he would have to seek clearance from his boss, the Commissioner of Police before he could speak.