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By Amour Udemude,

Governor Emmanuel Uduaghan's peace and security agenda has suffered a major set back as no fewer that three persons including a pregnant woman were killed Tuesday, September, 14<sup>th</sup>, 2010 by daredevil armed robbers who stormed the Ogwash-Uku

branch of the First Bank PLC, Aniocha South local government area, Delta state and made away over N28Million.

The armed to teeth robbers numbering over ten, according to eye witnesses were between the ages of 25 and 30 arrived the bank at exactly 8:00 AM with two Delta state hilux cars one with Registration number DTGH607and started shooting sporadically in all directions, scarring away customers and other persons at the bank premises.

Our reporter gathered that the state government vehicles used in their operation were said to have been snatched from the drivers in Asaba, the state capital.

The stern looking robbers who held the community hostage for over 40 minutes, it was learnt also went straight to the Ogwuashi-uku police station, a walking distance to the bank and held the station hostage as the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Niyi Ojopagogo was said to be holding the usual morning briefing with his men.

During the sporadic shooting, it was gathered that a middle aged woman who sells fruits and two others at the premises were killed through stray bullets leaving a security man attached to the bank and four others with severe degrees of wounds and were rushed to the federal medical centre, Asaba for treatment .

The robbers who also riddled the DPO's vehicle and others with bullets however left another woman at the Umuneze junction with serious injury.

Through out the operation, it was learnt no single counter reaction from the police and the mobile police command in the community as the robbers successfully escaped unhurt with their loot, this some of the residents described as unfortunate.

When contacted the state police public relations officer (PPRO), ASP Charles

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Muka confirmed the robbery incident, adding that the police have already spread its drag net across the nooks and cranny and in no distance time the hoodlums will be arrested and brought to justice.