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Robbery: POLICE ARREST 9 COUNCIL WORKERS

NINE employees of Ilorin East Local Government Area, Oke-Oyi in Kwara State, including a female, are now in police custody over alleged robbery attack on the treasury.

A News Agency of Nigeria investigation showed that most of the suspects are from the accounts department of the council.

Police sources told NAN in Ilorin that the suspects were arrested at the weekend.

The source added that the case had been transferred to

the command headquarters, Ilorin.

Some 20 armed robbery suspects, allegedly attacked the council secretariat in the early hours of Friday and stole about four million Naira from the safe in the treasury.

However, contrary to some news reports that a security guard was killed by

the robbers, none was killed.

NAN learnt that the two elderly guards at the secretariat were tied with ropes by the robbers, who also attacked one of them with a cutlass.

The guard, who had machete cuts allegedly col-

lapsed due to the loss of blood.

Commenting on the incident, the Chairman, Transition Implementation Committee of the local government, Mr Bibire Ajape, said he was not sure of the exact amount stolen.

Ajape said the stolen money was to be paid to a contractor handling some borehole projects.

"Nobody died during the attack, only two security guards were wounded, but they were quickly rushed to the hospital and are already

back at their homes," Ajape said.

When NAN called the Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Marcus Gideon, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), on phone for confirmation, he said he could not comment because he was outside the state.

But, the Officer-in-charge of the state Criminal Investigation Department (CID), Alhaji Abdulkadir Jimoh, confirmed it, saying that investigation was in progress.

