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Armed robbers kill sales girl in Akure

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DAREDEVIL armed robbers operating on a motorcycle on Wednesday night shot dead a Point of Sale (PoS) terminal operator identified as Adetutu at Oke Ogba area of Akure, the Ondo State capital.

Two of the hoodlums were

said to have pretended to visit the shop to transact business when they demanded for the sales of the day from the young lady.

According to an eyewitness, the girl, who had been operating the business in the area for some months, tried to escape from the shop with the money when she was shot by one of the robbers.

She said the gunshot at-

tracted other shop owners and residents of the area who all ran for cover, while the armed robbers left with an undisclosed amount of money on a waiting motorcycle.

She said the young girl gave up before help could reach her, while the incident was reported to the police station.

The eyewitness said: "The sales girl was in the shop

when the bandits came on a motorcycle and pretended to do business with her.

"As they were trying to forcefully collect money from the sales girl, she attempted to run out of the shop while one of the robbers shot her and collected certain amount of money from her.

"All the shop owners and residents of the street ran for safety. This gave the robbers the opportunity to es-

cape from the area before the arrival of policemen.

The incident occurred barely 24 hours after a middle-aged worker of a publishing company was shot dead in a night robbery at the Ajipowo/Ogundipe Estate in Akure.

When contacted, the state's Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO) Mr Femi Joseph, confirmed the incident, and said the com-

mand had begun investigation into the incident.

Speaking on the incessant robbery cases in Akure in recent time, Mr Joseph said the command was already working towards taming such development.

"We have commenced investigation into the Wednesday robbery, and I want to assure you that those criminals will soon be arrested," he said.