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Policeman killed as robbers attack bank in Ekiti

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ARMED robbers on Thursday attacked a branch of an old generation bank (names withheld) in Ise-Ekiti, headquarters of Ise-O-run Local Government Area of Ekiti State, killing one policeman.

The armed robbers, numbering 10, were said to have arrived the town from Ikere-Ekiti road in two vehicles and started shooting sporadically to scare residents.

Nigerian Tribune gathered that they gained access into the banking hall by blowing up the entrance with explosives suspected to be dynamites.

A source who spoke with the *Nigerian Tribune* said some amount money was brought to the bank in the morning.

He said: "The robbers came at about 2:00 p.m., and we started hearing gunshots everywhere in the town. They were about 10 in number and they came with two vehicles through the Ikere-Ekiti

axis.

"They first went to the policeman who was sitting very close to the bank and killed him.

"We observed that money was brought to the bank this morning; maybe the robbers were aware of it."

The robbery was said to have lasted for about 30 minutes during which undisclosed amount of money was carted away.

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti State Command, Caleb Ikechukwu, confirmed incident.

He said: "I can confirm to you that a bank was robbed at Ise Ekiti this afternoon. Unfortunately, a policeman was killed.

"The armed robbers broke the security door with explosive materials, precisely dynamites.

"Our men are on their trail and we shall ensure that none of them escapes.

"Members of the public should go about their normal duties and rest assured that we are ready to protect their lives and property at all times."