

Policeman shot dead as armed robbers invade bank in Ekiti

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A policeman has been confirmed dead as many persons were wounded during a bank robbery in Otun-Ekiti, headquarters of Moba Local Government Area of Ekiti State.

A resident of the town told the *Nigerian Tribune* that the robbers stormed the bank at about 5:30 p.m. on Thursday and shot sporadically into the

air to scare those who were within the vicinity of the bank. The source said bank staff and customers who came for transaction at the bank immediately scampered for safety.

He said the 10-man robbery gang broke into the banking hall with dynamite and carted away unspecified amount of money.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations Officer

(PPRO) in the state, ASP Sunday Abutu, confirmed the incident, just as he said the robbers broke in using dynamite.

Abutu explained that men of the command and military men attached to the area engaged the robbers in a gun duel which, he said, resulted in the death of the policeman.

The police spokesperson said: "There was a bank robbery

incident today [Thursday] in Otun-Ekiti and in the process of shootout between our men and the armed robbers, we unfortunately lost one of our men.

"The Commissioner of Police, Tunde Mobayo, has ordered discrete investigation into the incident towards ensuring that the armed robbers are arrested and brought to book."