

Seven killed as robbers raid three banks in Benue

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NO fewer than seven persons were killed on Friday during a robbery attack on three commercial banks in Otukpo, Benue State.

Among the deceased were policemen, a councillor and members of a vigilance group.

The robbers reportedly stormed the town at about 3pm and operated for more than one hour. Two old gen-

eration banks and a new generation bank were affected.

The councillor was said to have met his death while carrying a transaction in one of the banks.

An eyewitness said the robbers first attacked the Otukpo Police Station and disarmed all the personnel there before carrying out their operation.

The incident caused a big stir in the town as people ran helter-skelter.

The eyewitness said the robbers operated with two hilux vehicles and a car.

When contacted, the state Police Public Relations Officer, Catherine Anene, confirmed the incident but said she was yet to be furnished with the details.

"I have not been able to speak with the DPO or any of the officers there but I know there is an incident. So, let's give it some time," Anene said.