

Two policemen feared killed in bank robbery

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TWO riot policemen were feared killed in another bank robbery in Idimu area of Lagos State on Thursday.

It was gathered that the robbers succeeded in carting away a yet-to-be-ascertained amount of money from the bank.

An eyewitness told our correspondent that the gang of about 18 men got to the first generation commercial bank (name withheld) at about 11am.

After taking the security men at the premises hostage, about four of the robbers entered the banking hall and and held those inside hostage.

They reportedly asked for the manager office and demanded to be led to the bank's vault after packing the little amount of money they found with the cashiers and customers.

The robbers were said to have operated for about 30 minutes before the police received a distress call.

Teams of anti-robbery policemen from Idimu and neighbouring police stations were dispatched to the scene.

A gun battle, which lasted till about 1pm, ensued immediately the police arrived in the area.

The deputy spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olayinka Egbeyemi, an assistant superintendent of police, confirmed the robbery to our correspondent.

He, however, could not confirm whether any of the policemen was killed or how much was stolen from the bank.