

Robbers kill banker in Warri, meet waterloo

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AN official of an old generation bank in Delta State was on Monday evening killed by a two-man robbery gang in Ekpan, Uvwie Local Government Area of the state.

However, the police responded swiftly and arrested the bandits with the help of members of the public.

But one of the bandits was set ablaze by angry mob, which overwhelmed the police.

Police sources informed our

correspondent that the bandits accosted the car conveying the bank official on a scheduled assignment along Jakpa Road, where they ordered the driver and his boss to disembark from the vehicle.

It was gathered that they promptly obeyed them, after which they dispossessed them of the car and other personal belongings.

Our source in the police added that one of the hoodlums thereafter shot the bank official at close range and he died on the way to the hospi-

tal.

Further investigation by our correspondent revealed that men of the anti-crime squad of Ekpan Police Station, led by the Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Tony Ekong, a chief superintendent of police, quickly raced to the scene and arrested one of the hoodlums while the other one escaped in the bank's vehicle.

The crowd reportedly overpowered the police and hijacked the suspect, who was later burnt beyond recognition.

The policemen, who were helpless in the unfolding drama jumped into their patrol vehicle in hot pursuit of the fleeing bandit.

He was apprehended in Sapele, a distance of about 30 kilometers from the scene of the robbery.

The Commissioner of Police, State Command, Mr. Udom Ekpoudom, confirmed the report. Ekpoudom said a double barrel cut-to-size gun, two live and one expanded cartridges and the bank's car were recovered in the operation.