

Bandits raid hotel, kill two, kidnap one

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A gang of armed robbers raided a hotel in Lagos on Friday, killing two persons and kidnapping one other.

The six-man gang besieged the hotel (name withheld) situated on Aromire Avenue, Ikeja at about 11.55pm.

The men reportedly came in a white Peugeot saloon car and immediately took the guards and other workers hostage.

It was learnt that the robbers, at gunpoint, ransacked all the rooms in the hotel, searching for money and other valuables belonging to

rushed to a hospital after the departure of the robbers, but she died on the way to the hospital.

Another female guest, whose name was not known, was reportedly kidnapped by the robbers and driven to an unknown destination.

The amount of money or property carted away by the robbers could not, however, be ascertained as at press time.

Although the incident was later reported to the police, the bandits had escaped before the security men arrived.

Corpses of the slain receptionist and the female guest had been deposited at the Ikeja General Hospital mortuary.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Sunday.

Ojajuni said policemen were still searching for the bandits, especially to rescue the lady who was allegedly kidnapped.

He said the case had been referred to the State Criminal Investigation Department, Panti, Yaba, for investigation.