

Robbers raid bank, kill two

Robbers on Friday raided a new generation bank in Uyo, the Akwa Ibom State capital, killing two persons in the process.

In the raid, which was the second in five weeks, the robbers reportedly killed a commercial motorcyclist and his passenger, a middle-aged woman. Both of them were apparently oblivious of the presence of the hoodlums on Ikot-Ekpene Road.

The robbers, who reportedly numbered up to 35, later set the motorcycle ablaze and shot at every object in the bank, carting away an unspecified sum. The operation, which lasted for over three hours, started at about 12.30am on Friday and kept

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residents of the area awake as a result of the deafening sound of gunshots.

An eyewitness, who told *Saturday Punch* that he saw the robbers from his window while they were operating, said they gained entry into the bank after firing several gunshots at the door of the bank. The eyewitness, who identified himself as Daniel, explained that the operation continued for about three hours without any resistance from security agents.

When *Saturday Punch* sought comments from the state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Suur Chafa, on the matter, he said the report had not reached his office.