

One killed in Bayelsa attempted robbery

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AN attempt by a group of suspected armed robbers to break into a new generation bank in Yenagoa, Bayelsa State, at about 3am on Monday, was frustrated by some police officers on patrol.

One of the robbers was said to have been shot and killed in a shootout with the police while another, who sustained bullet wounds, was said to have been arrested.

Our correspondent learnt that the robbers,

armed with AK47 rifles, stormed the bank premises located along the Sani Abacha Expressway.

They were said to have arrived the bank with some heavy equipment and dynamites to break the barriers and gain access to the vault of the bank.

The gunmen, who arrived the well lit street in an SUV, were getting ready for the operation when a police patrol team arrived the scene.

On sighting the security operatives, the robbers were said to have opened fire on them, resulting in a

shootout and the killing of one of the robbers.

Our correspondent learnt that the driver of the car, who was on standby, zoomed off without his gang members when he saw the security operatives.

Residents of the area told our correspondent that the shoot out kept them awake.

One of them who identified himself as Samson said, "I heard gunshots that lasted for about 10 minutes. I could not sleep again. It was later we discovered it was armed robbery."