

Two feared killed in Ekiti bank robbery

Abiodun Nejo, Ado Ekiti

THERE was tension in Oye Ekiti, Ekiti State, on Thursday as armed robbers attacked the branch of a new generation bank in the town.

Two persons, a girl of about five years and a man, whom sources said was a security personnel attached to the bank, were allegedly shot dead by the robbers.

Sources added that a van, suspected to belong to the police, was also burnt during the operation.

According to them, the manner in which the robbers arrived the bank premises, shot indiscriminately and blew the security doors with dynamite to access the banking hall left members of the community, including students and workers of the Federal University, Oye Ekiti, traders and commercial transport operators running



• Ekiti CP, Amba Asuquo

into hiding.

A FUOYE student, who spoke on condition of

anonymity said, "The armed robbers shot indiscriminately during the invasion of the bank. They gained access to the bank after blowing off the security doors with dynamites."

"I cannot say if they made away with money or not, because I did not witness that, but a man and a girl of about five years were killed during the operation. Some people, however, said the robbers escaped with a huge sum of money. You know, this is a period that students of the university are paying through the bank."

The Police Public Relations Officer, Ekiti State Police Command, Caleb Ikechukwu, said the police were already on the trail of the robbers, adding that preliminary investigation was ongoing.

Ikechukwu, who confirmed that the robbers were able to gain access to the banking hall through the use of dynamites, however, said he could not confirm if they made away with money or not.

He stated, "I can confirm to you that there was a bank robbery. As I am talking to you, operatives of the Anti-Robbery Squad and the combined team of the 33 Police Mobile Force are trailing the armed robbers."

"Information at our disposal is that they escaped through the bush path. We are trying to see how we can catch up with them. By God's

Three arraigned for distributing WASSCE answers to candidates



• Osun CP, Abiodun Ige

Bola Bamigbola, Osogbo

THREE men, Taofeek Busari, Adeyinka Adeoye and Suleiman Isah, were on Thursday arraigned before an Osun State Magistrates' Court sitting in Osogbo for distributing already prepared answers to pupils sitting the West African Senior Secondary Certificate Examination.

The defendants and others yet to be apprehended were said to have conspired to aid cheating and caused disorderliness during the 2019 second series of the examination for private candidates by distributing

not guilty to the four counts bordering on conspiracy, breach of peace and examination malpractices pressed against them.

Kehinde Ajibola, announced appearance for the first defendant, while Dolapo Awoyemi and Temitope Ayodele appeared for the second and third defendants, respectively.

The counsel applied for the bail of their clients in the most liberal and affordable terms.

The prosecutor, who is an officer of the Osun State Command of the Department of State Service, opposed the bail application.

He prayed the court to