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when robbers in their numbers invaded the area in the wee hours of yesterday.

They shot a local vigilante, wounded another, raided several houses and carted away cash and other valuables worth several millions of naira. The gunmen, numbering over 13, about 3:30 a.m. when a local vigilante identified name was given as Sunday Okorie Awa, from Ugwuoke in Bende Local Government, who had hidden himself in an uncompleted building, saw the armed robbers and attempted to raise an alarm.

But unknown to Awa, one of the hoodlums had also taken cover within the uncompleted building. Awa was shot dead by the armed robber when he tried to raise the alarm.

Another member of the local vigilance group was also shot in the leg by the robbers.

The gunmen, who were said to have operated with sophisticated weapons, reportedly went on a robbing spree, dispossessing residents of cash and other valuables in an operation that went on for hours.

The robbers were said to have moved over to the adjoining Palm Street, where they scaled the fence of a storey building and robbed all the occupants of their cash and other values.

A source disclosed that the police were alerted but could not get to the scene of the incident on time due to deplorable roads in the area.

The corpse of the shot local vigilante was said to have been deposited at a mortuary in the area.

When contacted, the Police Public Relations officer (PPRO) for the Abia State Command, Geoffrey

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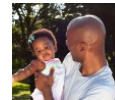
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