

## Robbers laid siege to Warri, other areas

• Snatch N5m from bank customer, kill victim

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**THE** reign of terror unleashed by armed robbers in Warri and environs continued unabated at the weekend, as Mr. Chinaza Ilochukwu, aged 26, was killed by hoodlums at Enerhen Junction area in Uvwie LGA. They stole the N500,000 he had gone to withdraw.

This incident which occurred last Friday, also coincided with a high profile robbery case that happened in the early hours of Sunday around Aritetsoma Street in Warri South Local Government Area.

A notorious robbery gang engaged the police in gun battle for over 15 minutes before escaping.

Just last Thursday, some armed gang carted away about N3.5million from the officials of the Warri Wolves Football Club at gunpoint after the withdrawal from a new generation bank around the Enerhen Road area.

A witness said last Friday's robbery was carried out by a four-man gang which had laid ambush for Ilochukwu some metres away from the premises of the new generation bank in Effurun, Uvwie Local Government Area where he had gone to withdraw the money.

The commercial tricycle (Keke Napep) he boarded from the bank was intercepted around the Enerhen Junction area by the gang who shot him dead at close range and collected the bag containing the money and fled.

Efforts made by some Good Samaritans to revive the deceased who was rushed to a specialist private hospital, were futile.

Ilochukwu, a native of Uwunwada in Ezinahite Local Government Area of Imo State, resident at 44 McDermott Road, Warri, was reported to have been sent on an errand to make the withdrawal.