



Robbers Attack Police Station

•Free detained colleagues

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In a dramatic twist of events, suspected armed robbers raided the Aramoko Divisional Police Headquarters in Ekiti West Council Area of Ekiti State and freed their comrades-in-arms detained in the police cell.

A competent police source told the News Agency of Nigeria (NAN) that three policemen attached to the station were injured during the two-hour raid.

NAN learnt that a six-man robbery gang had raided a neighbouring town of Ido-Ile and robbed some citizens of the town who were on weekend visits.

Narrating the incident in an interview, the traditional ruler of Ido-Ile, Oba Aderemi Obaleye, explained that the robbers came into the town around 10 pm. He said that they wanted to check into one of the hotels in the town but were informed by the receptionist that there was no accommodation for them.

Obaleye said that since the robbers could not find accommodation, they immediately began to rob residents of the area. Luck, however ran out on them when the Peugeot 504 Station Wagon with which they were operating broke down on their escape route and a group of vigilante in the town challenged them.

Two of the suspected robbers were arrested with some dangerous weapons and were taken to Aramoko Divisional Police Station where they were kept in the cell.

NAN gathered that hours later, the suspected robbers regrouped, attacked the Station and freed their detained colleagues and the other suspects in the cell.

In a telephone interview with NAN, the Ekiti State Commissioner of Police, Mr Chris Ola, refused to disclose the identity of the injured policemen.

However, a competent police source told NAN that the DPO was presently being detained at the Command headquarters for "negligence".