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# Robbers kill four in bank raid

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**F**OUR persons including a police officer were yesterday killed by a gang of armed robbers who stormed a new generation bank at Ogudu, Ojota area of Lagos State. The Police however succeeded in arresting three of the armed robbers while the others escaped with bullet wounds.

Reports say the armed robbers numbering over 10 arrived at the bank premises around 9:00am in a convoy of five vehicles: a Mercedes Benz car with registration number DS 37 KJA, A Volkswagen bus (Varagon) with registration number SH 437 EKY and a Mitsubishi Car with registration number DL260ADC.

Eyewitness said the robbers succeeded in breaking into the bank where they collected some money from the cashiers but as they were trying to break into the vault, a team of Policemen from the nearby Ogudu police station arrived the scene. It was gathered that the policemen that stormed the scene with helicopters engaged the robbers in a shootout that lasted over two hours.

*Vanguard* learnt that when the firepower of the policemen overwhelmed the robbers, they made a quick retreat by firing bullets indiscriminately. They reportedly destroyed all the computer accessories inside

the bank while trying to escape. Sources said that the bandits also tried to hide their identities by shooting one of the drivers and his conductor who took them to the bank.

It was learnt that the Police Corporal who was in the first team that attacked them, a security guard at a nearby street and one other unidentified person were felled by the indiscriminate shooting. Three guards were reportedly seriously wounded by the armed robbers while another bank driver was shot on the chest.

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