

Police inspector, 2 robbers die in gun-duel as robbres raid bank

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Aspessor and two armed
robbery suspects lost their

lives in the early hours of yesterday (Tuesday) following a fierce encounter between the police and the bandits during a robbery operation at a bank in Orlaruku in Ukwuani Local Government of the state.

It was gathered that the robbery incident occurred at about 1:00am on Tuesday morning.

Although police authorities confirmed that they actually lost an Inspector but could not give the exact number of casualties on the side of bandits.

But it was reliably gathered from members of the community that one of the robbers was instantly killed while another was badly wounded and was carried away by his fleeing colleagues.

The same bank was robbed some years ago, which resulted in a clash between the youths of the community and the police. The community youths had felt that the police were not doing enough in wading off menacing presence of robbers who were terrorizing the community almost on daily basis and the angry mob

burnt down the police station there.

VANGUARD also gathered that when the robbers struck on Tuesday, they succeeded in breaking into the strong room after releasing sporadic gunshots that scared away possible intruders, but could not ascertain how much money was removed.

State police public relations officer, Miss Olabisi Okuwobi confirmed the robbery and said "we lost an Inspector, Sunday Adah and recovered 400 expended ammunition, 19 live ammunition, welding equipment and gas cylinders among others. We were able to confront them and they ran away when they could no longer stand the suffocation of teargas, they fled. We are on their trail. I am also aware that one or two of the robbers were badly wounded so we are warning doctors both tradomedical and orthodox to report to us when such persons come for treatment otherwise they (doctors) too would have themselves to blame".

