

Police foil bank robbery bid; kill 2 suspects

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ASABA — TWO members of a seven-man armed robbery gang which attempted to rob a new generation bank at Agbor, Delta state yesterday morning met their Waterloo as they were gunned down during fierce encounter with police.

The robbery gang stormed the Agbor branch of the bank located on the old Lagos/Asaba road at about 9.20am and started shooting sporadically. They succeeded in shattering the entrance to the bank hall but however did not succeed in gaining entrance following prompt reinforcement from the police, which engaged them in fierce gun duel.

Apart from the two robbers killed, two other members of the gang were badly wounded but were carried away by the other fleeing members.

Two policemen who engaged the robbers in the bloody encounter which lasted for about 45 minutes were wounded and presently receiving treatment in undisclosed hospital. A Bank staff and some customers of the bank were also wounded.

Following the incident, the State Police Commissioner, Mr. Hezekiah Dimka raced to the scene of the incident to see things for himself yesterday afternoon.