

Robbers kill bank customer, cart away money

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A four-man robbery gang, yesterday, shot dead a 26 years old bank customer in the Apapa area of Lagos and escape with his money. The deceased, Kingsley Chukwu, who was a private guard attached to a residential apartment at Creek Road, was reportedly on his way to deposit an unspecified amount in one of the new generation banks on Commercial Road when he was attacked.

Apparently trailed by the gunmen, who rode on two motorbikes, Chukwu, as gathered, was shot at close range by one of them, while another forcefully collected the bag containing the money from him. Thereafter, the robbers fired sporadically into the air as they zoomed off.

Eyewitness account

An eyewitness, who identified himself as Kareem Maju, said Chukwu was rushed to a private hospital in the area, but was rejected on the grounds that a police report was required before he can be treated. He said: "Kingsley Chukwu worked with a woman at Creek Road. He was sent by his madam to deposit some money. He kept it in a bag and boarded a motorcycle to Commercial Road.

"On reaching the bank, he alighted, paid the motorcyclist. Then all of a sudden, two motorbikes appeared from nowhere with two persons on each. One of them ordered him to bring the bag and without giving him any opportunity to refuse or comply, another fired a bullet which hit him in the hand.

"He tried to run into a building, only to be shot in the back and the bullet came out front through his stomach. The man that fired the first shot walked up to him and took the bag containing money. The operation was so fast, it was over even before policemen from some of the banks arrived the scene."