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CALABAR—CASH meant for the Automatic Teller Machine, ATM, of an old generation bank was on Tuesday evening, snatched by robbers at the University of Calabar Teaching Hospital, UCTH, and the staff, Moses, who went to deposit the money, shot dead.

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The robbers, according to an eyewitness, apparently acted on information as they went ahead of the van conveying the money to wait at the hospital premises.

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According to the eyewitness, "two of them sat by the cashew tree and pretended to be making calls, while the other sat at the lobby, pretending to do same. As soon as the man arrived, they moved to where he parked the van.

"As he brought out the money, they grabbed it. He resisted them and one of the robbers shot him on the stomach. His intestines spilled out."

The eyewitness said the robbers drove away without being accosted as there were no security agents in the hospital apart from the unarmed security personnel engaged by a consultant, stationed at the gate and car park.

According to the eyewitness, "the young man had complained of the risk he was daily exposed to by going alone to deposit money at the ATM and also to take the day's revenue back to the bank without any security."

At the main branch of the bank in Calabar, a staff said that they were not allowed to speak to journalists but the Cross River State Police Public Relations Officer, Ms Irene Ugbo, said: "Investigation is in progress, but no arrest has been made. That is all I can tell you about the matter."