

4) Armed robbers kill 4, rob bank, eatery, fuel station in Delta community

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A S A B A — A R M E D robbers, yesterday, robbed two banks, a fuel station and an eatery in Issele-Uku, headquarters of Aniocha North Local Government Area of Delta State, killing four persons and carting away millions of naira.

It was gathered that the robbers had alerted the police in the area of their intention to attack the bank on Monday, adding that the robbers stationed their gang members at strategic positions in the town, while other members of the gang robbed the banks, eatery and fuel station unhindered.

The suspected robbers, who were fully armed, reportedly unleashed terror in the town during almost an hour robbery operation unchallenged.

An eye witness told the *Vanguard* that customers were held hostage inside the bank for almost an hour, while other gang members outside were shooting at random.

The eye witness, who pleaded anonymity, said a trader, who is an indigene of Ogbeofu village, Issele-Uku and one other unidentified person were killed during the sporadic shooting, while many others sustained bullet wounds.

Contacted, acting Police Public Relations Officer in the state Police Command, DSP Bright Edefe, confirmed the incident but could not give details of the robbery.

He, however, said he was in touch with the division to get details of the attack.

Meanwhile, unconfirmed sources said the Divisional Police Officer and officers of the Issele-Uku Division were nowhere to be found.

The source said the robbers had earlier gone to the police station looking for the DPO but he reportedly fled with his men.