

# News

## Robber killed as police foil N13m robbery attempt

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A suspected member of a robbery gang in Akure, the Ondo State capital was shot dead by police operatives while trying to rob a bakery.

It was gathered that after the operation, the armed robbers snatched a vehicle belonging to the owner of the bakery to escape from the scene.

But police detectives reportedly chased them to Igbara-Oke, in Ifedore council area of the state where they engaged the robbers in a shoot-out which led to the killing of one of them.

It was gathered that after the shoot-out, one of the robbers was arrested while others fled the scene.

Also, Vanguard gathered that police detectives foiled an attempt by a five-man gang to rob an Akure cocoa merchant of N13 million in Akure metropolis.

It was gathered the cocoa merchant was trailed from the bank before being attacked at Oshinle area of the state capital.

The eyewitness, who said the victim reportedly fled on foot with some of the cash leaving his vehicle, added that the prompt arrival of policemen made the robbers flee after shooting sporadically and abandoned their operational vehicle.

However, it was gathered that N2 million was stolen from the remaining cash the victim left in the booth of his car.

The money was reportedly shared by some boys in the area who earlier helped the victim when he was running from the robbers.

In an interview, the cocoa merchant said that the money was meant to pay cocoa farmers, adding that many farmers do not have bank accounts and preferred to collect cash.

The command image maker, Tee Leo Ikoro, told Vanguard that all those involved in the stealing of the N2 million have been apprehended.