

Gang in police uniforms robs cops

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Johannesburg - Members of the police's flying squad in Mbombela have been robbed of their weapons by a gang who wore police uniforms.

The gang of six robbers, some of whom also wore Sars uniforms, walked into the Rong Qiang Store in Anderson Street at about 15:00 on Sunday.

The flying squad officers had visited the shop minutes beforehand to buy a flashlight.

The robbers, armed with handguns and an R5 assault rifle, held up the shop owner and his staff under the pretext that they wanted to investigate their residency permits.

The shop owner called the flying squad officers who had just been to the shop when he was ordered by the robbers to fetch the passports.

The robbers then fled with R48 000, cellphones and the security camera recorder.

Two of them drove off in a Ford Territory.

When the flying squad arrived, the four other robbers jumped out of a white Nissan Almera, which was parked in front of the shop, and held up the officers.

The robbers stole service pistols and an R5 rifle from the policemen and cut the microphone cable of the police car before fleeing. No one was injured.

Police spokesperson Lieutenant Colonel Leonard Hlathi said on Monday that a charge of armed robbery is being investigated.