

Post

master hurt in armed raid

Gardai confirmed that the post master in Ballynanty, Mr Niall Graham was injured when struck in an armed raid at the post office on Thursday afternoon. He was struck on the head when he tried to prevent the two-man gang taking pension money.

He had just re-opened the post office at Ballygrennan Road after lunch when the gang burst into the building, brandishing a gun.

It is understood that no shots were fired.

A spokesman for An Post said there was a substantial amount of money lodged with the post office today for pension payments.

One local person, told the Limerick Leader that Mr Graham had been taken from the scene by ambulance.

The post office was closed to the public as Gardai combed the building for forensic examination.

A Garda spokesman said two masked men were involved in the raid.

"It would appear that they made their getaway on foot. One of them had a gun and it would seem that he struck Mr Graham

One local person told the Limerick Leader: "Mr Graham was pumping blood from a wound to the face. They hit him and forced him to open the safe, before they ran off."

An unconfirmed figure of the amount stolen was £2,000.