4 robbery suspects meet waterloo

COUR armed robbery suspects, said to have been terrorising residents of Apapa and its environs were killed by men of special anti robbery squad (SARs), Apapa, on Tuesday.

Daily Champion gathered that the gunmen met their waterloo at the top of Mile two bridge when policemen, confronted and gunned down four of them while five others escaped with bullet wounds.

A witness told *Daily Champion* that nemesis caught up with the robbers when the Mistubish bus in which they were escaping with developed faults on top of the bridge.

According to him, some of the suspects alighted from the bus and were pushing it to a corner

to enable them retrieve their stolen loots when the policemen sighted them. Luck, however, ran against them as the policemen met them. "The robbers, on sighting the policemen opened fire on them first resulting to the gun duel but policemen who were better armed killed the four instantly."

Continuing the incident. Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr Ari Mohammed, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP) said "at 10:30pm, police at Tincan Island Port, we got information that robbers were operating at the Tincan gate. My men raced to the scene and on getting there, they were told that the robbers had fled. The policemen were given a graphic description of the bus with registration number KE

198 KJA (ash colour). They were further told that the robbers escaped via Mile two. Armed with these information, the policemen chased them and luckily enough, the robber's car developed fault on top of the bridge. The police sighted the L-300 Mistubishi bus and went there. When they sighted the police, the leaders who were armed, opened fire, the police responded and on the spot, four of them were killed. Others escaped with bullet wounds."

Mohammed who commended the efforts of his 'boys' said "items recovered include two locally made double barrel guns, brownic pestol, four live cartridge, 4 expanded and one biretta pistol fully loaded."

He added that the

suspects had successfully robbed some victims at Festac where they snatched the bus which they used for another robbery operation at Apapa.

The police officer who recently won the Commissioner of Police (CPS) best DPO award in the state noted that the owner of the bus and some of the victims of the robbery have visited the police station.

He said the bus has been handed over to the owner after interrogations to prove ownership.

