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Nigeria: Lagos - Police Kill 2 Robbery Suspects

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OPERATIVES of Lagos State anti-robbery Squad (SARS), yesterday killed two armed robbery suspects and arrested one during a gun duel with the suspects.

Daily Champion gathered that the deceased suspects were members of a five-man armed robbery gang terrorising residents of Lagos. A police source said the arrested suspect, whose identity was yet to be ascertained at press time, was the leader of another three-man armed robbery gang who terrorised residents of Ajegunle, his colleagues, our reporter, gathered escaped with bullet wounds.

The source who pleaded for anonymity said, the arrested suspect led his gang to attack victims at Boundary Market at Ajeromi/Ifeolodun local council of the state.

He noted that, policemen on a tip-off raced to the scene and confronted them resulting in his arrest.

Our source also said the deceased suspects met their Waterloo at Isolo during a shoot out with policemen from Aswani Police Station.

He said the five-man robbery gang first opened fire on the policemen who were on routine patrol apparently to dislodge them.

According to him, the police fought back killing the two suspects and leaving others with bullet wounds.

Confirming the incident, Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO), Mr. Frank Mba said several arms and ammunition were recovered from the suspects.

Said he: "One revolver pistol, six live ammunition, one locally made double barrel pistol, five live cartridges were recovered from the bandits.

Mba said police at Yaba have begun investigations in the matter.

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