

# Police kill 2 robbery suspects, nab 1

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**T**WO of a four-man gang that has been terrorising motorists along Lagos-Ibadan-Expressway met their Waterloo yesterday as they fell into the net of the Oyo State Police Command. Security operatives of the command shot one dead and arrested another just as the two others escaped into the bush. The Police said they were on the trail of the fleeing robbers.

The nabbed robbery suspect, Stephen Adigwu (29), who sustained gunshot injury, was captured alive by the men of the Toll Gate Police Station who were alerted of the robbery by a bus driver.

Stephen who was paraded to newsmen at the Toll Gate Police Station in the Oyo State capital said that he and his deceased colleague, Ogboebe (32) were clothes sellers at Yaba, Lagos state.

He said they had alighted from a Lagos-painted bus at Lebo Village at about 11.00 p.m. last Saturday where they raided motorists and dispossessed them of their belongings.

According to him, on sighting the patrol vehicle of the Police team led by the Divisional Police Officer, Mr. Dung, a Superintendent of Police, the gangsters opened fire while the Police retaliated.

In the ensuing gun duel, Stephen and Ogboebe sustained gunshot wounds. Ogboebe later died before the press briefing organised by the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Olabisi Okuwobi.

Camouflaged in black sacks cut into the shape of Police vest with 'POLICE' boldly inscribed on its chest part with white paper cello tape, the suspects had worn this to deceive unsuspecting motorists into believing they were security men on stop-and-search

mission. Whilst their operation lasted; they held torch-lights and robbed motorists with their fake rifles and pistols made of wood, wrapped in black cello tape.

Shedding light into the robbery incident, the police spokesperson told newsmen that two of the robbers who reportedly carried guns with ammunition, shot into the windshield of the patrol vehicle and later escaped into the bush.

In a swift reaction, the Oyo State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Basiru Azeez reiterated the determination of his command to flush out miscreants from the state stressing that the commitment of the command to crime fighting this year is absolute. He therefore warned hoodlums who see Oyo State as a haven for them to have a rethink as the command has been repositioned to confront the robbers.