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Police kill 3 robbery suspects

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Police detectives in Lagos last weekend killed three robbery suspects and arrested four others in Badagry and Ojo respectively.

The deceased met their waterloo in Badagry in a shoot-out with men of the State anti robbery squad (SARS) while the arrested ones were nabbed at Ojo, following the confessional statement of one of the suspects earlier arrested in Maryland.

However, three out of the five man robbery gang that struck in Ajana Vetto village Badagry escaped with bullet wounds.

We learnt that the gang leader, identified as Effiong Okon was arrested in Maryland and he implicated other members of his gang who were not immediately arrested by the police.

The detectives from Anthony Police Station, led by its Divisional Police Officer (DPO,) Mrs. Margaret Ekpo, nabbed Okon while allegedly robbing motorists at a traffic jam in Maryland.

Our source said the DPO received a distress call that robbers were operating in Maryland and personally led her team to confront the suspects.

According to the source who wished to be anonymous, the policemen confronted the robbers and arrested Okon in the act and his confessional statement led to the arrest of three others at their hideouts in Ojo, another suburb of Lagos,

He said the suspects allegedly confessed their involvements in multiple robberies in the state noting: "When police men interrogated Okon ,he confessed and later took policemen to their hideout in Ilogbo Street ,Ojo, where three others including Francis Moses Akpan, Emmanuel Okon and Abigail Igbozulike were nabbed ."

Confirming the two incidents, Lagos Command Police Public Relations Officer, PPRO, Mr. Frank Mba said several weapons including two revolver pistols, five rounds of live 9mm and other weapons were recovered from the suspects.

Mba, a Superintendent of Police SP said the police are trailing the fleeing gun men to arrest them. Mba said the command was determined to battle crimes in Lagos State.



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