

Police kill 2 robbery suspect in Lagos

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POLICEMEN from Ijora, Lagos, yesterday killed two persons suspected to be armed robbers. The deceased, whose names were not known at press time, were said to have been going for robbery operation at the area. Two others, however, escaped with bullet wounds.

Daily Champion gathered that the suspects met their waterloo when police got wind of their mission and promptly blocked their route at the foot of the bridge. We learnt that undisclosed person who apparently heard of the plan to rob a home at that particular hour informed the police to be at alert.

An eyewitness said the suspects who were armed with locally made pistols attempted to rob a residential home at Apapa and were going through Ijora Badia, when the police confronted them.

Our source who pleaded for anonymity said the robbers first opened fire on the police apparently to pave way for their

escape but the police allegedly overpowered them.

The source said the robbery suspects ran out of bullets as they expended their ammunitions in a bid to escape. He said the suspects attempted to escape through the swampy area but the police blocked their exits points thereby making it easy for their arrest and death.

However, another source said the robbers met their end when the vehicle in which they were going had a burst tyre and were about fixing it when armed policemen on routine patrol confronted them.

He added that the Divisional Police Officer, DPO Mr Ndoroyon Omoh, a Chief Superintendent of Police CSP, deployed the policemen from the division's Anti Robbery Squad, SARs to investigate the activities of the suspects at the bridge. According to him, the suspects, on sighting the policemen opened fire and apparently in self defence, the policemen responded.

Confirming the story, Lagos Police Public Relations Officer, (PPRO), Mr, Frank Mba said the robbery suspects were killed while attempting to escape.