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# Police kill 2 armed robbery suspects in Lokoja

LUCK ran out on a suspected six-man robbery gang in Lokoja yesterday as two of them were killed in a bloody gun battle with policemen.

The Kogi Commissioner of Police, Mr. Mohammed Katsina, who briefed newsmen on the incident, said two of the suspects were also arrested while two escaped with gunshot injuries.

Katsina said one Chimeze, believed to be the ring leader of the gang, was one of those killed.

He said the suspects, who carried out the operation on three power bikes, intercepted a man coming out from one

of the commercial banks on Fen junction in Lokoja and dispossessed him of his money.

Katsina said the suspects fired several shots into the air to subdue their victim.

He added that it was the gunshots that attracted the command's undercover anti-crime outfit to the scene.

The commissioner said members of the squad cordoned off the scene before engaging the suspects in a gun battle that lasted more than one hour.

Katsina said the lifeless bodies of the dead suspects, a pistol and several rounds

of live ammunitions were recovered from the scene of the shooting.

He said the police also recovered the money the suspects had snatched from their victim and returned it to him, adding that one of the three motorcycles used by the suspected armed robbers was also recovered.

He said added that men of the squad had been detailed to go after the two fleeing suspects.

The commissioner commended his men for their bravery and appealed to the public to be security conscious.