he police in Abuja have gunned down a suspected armed robber during an encounter between the police and a gang of armed robbers operating at Wuse Zone 3.

An automatic sub machine gun (SMG) with 15 rounds of live ammunition was among items allegedly recovered from the deceased robber who died instantly.

Briefing newsmen in his office recently, FCT commissioner of police, Mr. Lawrence Alobi, said that police was informed that some robbers numbering about five had stormed Wuse, Zone 3, armed with sophisticated weapons and robbing residents.

Police kill robber, recover gun

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He said when a team of policemen went to the scene to rescue the victims, the suspects allegedly opened fire on the police leading to the exchange of gunshots.

Mr. Alobi said the armed robbers who invaded the area on October 5, this year at about 9.30am, had started robbing their victims and when the police arrived.

He said the police suc-

ceeded in killing one of the robbers while other members of the gang escaped adding that his efforts are being made to trace the other gang members. The corpse of the dead robber is yet to be identified.

Other items allegedly recovered from the late robber includes one Nokia GSM handset, a bottle of perfume, four wrist watches, a set of beads bangles and earrings allegedly collected from their victims.