

Police kill notorious robber

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A notorious armed robbery suspect, who allegedly specialises in using motorcycle to trace and attack his victims, has been shot and killed by the police in a gun duel.

The suspect known as Papa the robber who has been on the wanted list of the police in the FCT, was killed on April 6 this year by a combined team of detectives and men of operation Farauta of the FCT.

Confirming the incident to City News, FCT commissioner of police, Mr Lawrence Alobi said the police attacked Papa and Uchenna Ede when the two attacked some people and were robbing them around 3.30pm the same day.

"Our men ordered the two armed robbers to surrender, but instead, they opened fire on the police and at the same time, were trying to escape from the scene of the robbery.

"The police opened fire on them and in the process, shot and killed Papa. The second armed robber, Uchenna Ede who saw overwhelming fire power, surrendered and was instantly arrested," he said.

Mr Alobi said the two man gang had earlier used an un-registered motorcycle to block some people. He said the robbers had started dispossessing their victims of money and other valuables when a victim phoned and informed the police.

He said when the police searched the suspects, one locally made revolver pistol and another locally made pistol were recovered from them.

He said four expended shells of 7.65mm ammunitions believed to have been shot at the police by the suspects during the gun duel and a live DBSG (Double barrel short gun) cartridge were also recovered from the scene.

The CP said the un-registered motorcycle being used by the gang for their robbery operations has also been recovered by the police.

He said other items and cash allegedly snatched from the victims by the robbers were later identified by the owners at the station.

Mr Alobi, who said the gang is being linked to so many armed robberies in the FCT, said Ede has admitted committing the offence in his statement to the police.

He said the matter is still being investigated and may soon be charged to court.