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## Police kill one robber, recover gun

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**A**n early morning gun duel between a gang of suspected armed robbers and a team of police Operation Faruta of the FCT police command has left one suspected armed robber dead.

The FCT commissioner of police, Mr. Lawrence Alobi, made this known to newsmen at a briefing in his office re-

cently. He said the incident happened between Pyakasa and Lugbe FHA along the airport road in Abuja.

The CP said the police were informed that the suspected armed robbers blocked the expressway on March 3 this year around 2am and were robbing innocent victims.

He said when a police patrol team was mobilised to the scene, the suspects opened fire on them to prevent them from obstructing their operations.

Alobi said: "My men returned fire and in the process, killed one of them who died on the spot and wounded others. We saw several stains of blood all over the place, which indicate that some of them sustained gun injuries.

"However, the suspects escaped into a nearby bush with their injuries and could not be arrested immediately."

He said the corpse of the dead was evacuated by the police and when the area was searched, a pump action rifle with a registration number FRR 4001 was recovered from the scene.

Other items recovered from the scene of the alleged robbery, he said, were five live cartridges and seven expended cartridges that were believed to have been fired at the police during the alleged gun duel.

One long outline, torchlight, a long sleeves shirt, a pair of sandals and a handbag were also alleged to have been recovered at the scene.

He said police presence had been beefed along the airport road to ensure security of lives and property.



Pic: Abubakar Yakubu.