

Police kill two robbers

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Two persons were killed in the early hours of last Tuesday morning by the police in Mararaba as they attempted to rob a pastor.

City News learnt from a highly-placed police officer at the Mararaba police station that the police got a distress call from the victim who was already being assaulted by the robbers under the last pedestrian bridge at Mararaba.

"We received a distress call from one pastor as early as three o'clock when he was coming from a church function, and our patrol team was very close to the area and swung into action," he said.

He stated that the robbers, who were four, attempted to escape when the police responded to the occasion.

"When they sighted us, they tried to escape but our men shot two of them dead at the scene while others escaped with bullet wounds," he said.

The police source said the victim sustained injuries from the robbers and is presently receiving treatment at a hospital. The robbers that escaped had dispossessed him of some money and handsets. According to him, the police identified one of the dead robbers as 'Smallee.' He advised residents to be security conscious always.

He said that two locally made pistols and two cartridges were recovered from the robbers.

The corpses of the two robbers have been deposited at a mortuary, the police said.