

Police kill two robbers in Benue

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THE Benue State police command yesterday killed two suspected armed robbers along the Makurdi-Aliade road during a gun battle. The Police Public Relations Officer of the command, ASP Alaribe, who paraded the dead robbers at the command's headquarters, Makurdi, said four other members of the gang escaped into the bush with bullet wounds.

He said acting on a tip off that robbers were dispossessing passengers of their valuables, the joint patrol team, Operation Zanda was quickly dispatched to the scene and on citing the police, the robbers opened fire, prompting the police to also open fire.

Alaribe, who said the dead robbers have been on the police wanted list in connection with several robbery cases for a long time, said the vigilante group at Ahumbe and Mase set-

tlements identified the two robbers as Wahinshima Alias Wasco of Mbam Abenga village near Aliade and Jime of Konshisha Local Government Area of the state.

He said the leader of the gang, Mbusukada also escaped into the bush, calling on members of the public to report any one with gun short wounds to the nearest police station. He further said that a locally made pistol was recovered from them.