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Police kill suspected robber in gun duel

By Ogechi Ohalee

FCT police patrol team Tuesday gunned down an unidentified suspected armed robber in a shootout along Kubwa Expressway.

A police source told our reporter that a distress call was received from the control room of an incident of car snatching by one Jonas of Garki, Abuja.

"He reported that he was accosted by some car snatchers opposite Civil Service Institute along Kubwa Expressway. Immediately the information

was sent out to our men at the various stop and search, nipping points and those on patrol, they swung into action. On sighting the said vehicle, they gave it a hot chase and when the suspects noticed they are being chased, they opened fire on the police and the policemen responded accordingly," the source narrated.

According to the police source, one of the robbers was shot and the vehicle recovered while the other two suspects escaped.

The source also stated that the suspect was confirmed

dead by a medical doctor at the Kubwa General Hospital.

When contacted on the incident, FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyel-hira Altine Daniel, confirmed the shootout, informing that while policemen were on patrol, they noticed that a vehicle was approaching on high speed but immediately the driver noticed a road block, he slowed down and was probably contemplating turning back.

She said the shootout ensued in the process, adding that efforts are on to get the fleeing suspects.

AMAC to review students' scholarship policy

By Halima Abdullahi

Authorities of Abuja Municipal Area Council (AMAC) said they are reviewing the modalities for scholarship disbursement to students in the council to include improving on the current allowance paid to each student.

The council's Supervisory Councillor for Special Duties, Ojo Olumayowa, who made this known on Tuesday, after the council's monthly meeting, said that the review became necessary so that the council could play a major role in cushioning the financial effect of the current economic condition which affects most students in the council.

He also said the leadership of the council has approved projects which could have posi-

tive effects on the lives of rural dwellers, saying that projects like rural electrification, renovation and construction of primary health care centres, rural roads rehabilitation and construction of classrooms for students will commence soonest.

"In the area of youth and sports development, the council has also given its consent for the use of Apo Vocational and Youth Development Centre for AMAC football team, as their temporary camp.

The chairman solicited for more cooperation and patience, as he equally advised the people of the area to continue to be law abiding. "I want to assure you that this administration is determined to do more amidst the lean resources available to the council," he said.