

POLICE GUN DOWN ARMED ROBBER AT NEW KARU



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One suspected armed robber was killed in a gun battle with operatives of the FCT Police Command on Monday night at New Karu, a suburb of the FCT.

Our reporter gathered that earlier that day, distress call was received through the police control room from the victim who claimed that a Toyota Sienna car with a registration number YYY 497 AA was snatched at gun point at [New Karu junction](#). A police source said that the victim was driving home at about 9pm when armed robbers intercepted her vehicle and threatened to kill her if she did not surrender the car.

"Frightened, she immediately surrendered the car keys to them but called the control room immediately they zoomed off using the numbers made available to the public. As soon as the information of the car was taken down by our men, all the police patrol teams in the vicinity were instantly briefed. The patrol teams swung into action and with the help of some residents, the police were able to locate the car within minutes. The armed robbers, on sighting the police, opened fire. One was gunned down by the police and two were arrested," the police source said.

FCT police spokesperson Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel confirmed the death of the armed robber and the arrest of the two others.

She said pistols and live cartridges were recovered from the suspects, adding that they had made confessional statements during interrogation saying they were the robbers that had been terrorizing New Karu and its environs in recent weeks. She commended the efforts of some residents who made the arrest possible.

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