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POLICE GUN DOWN 3 SUSPECTED ROBBERERS AT ZUBA

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Police in the FCT said they shot and killed three suspected armed robbers while another one was arrested in Zuba during a gun duel on Wednesday night.

The police patrol team was said to have swung into action after the suspects were said to have allegedly shot a driver and made away with his boss' Prado Jeep.

City News learnt that at about 7.30pm Wednesday, a complainant of Apo Quarters Abuja, reported at FCT police observation post in Utako that his black Toyota Prado Jeep was snatched at gun point by four robbers while his driver was shot and left in a pool of blood.

A police source said the complainant had gone to visit a friend when he was accosted.

"As he entered the house, he left his driver inside the Jeep and while he was inside, he heard a loud sound. Security guard attached to the house he visited ran in to tell him that his driver had been shot and was bleeding profusely. When he got out, he saw that his car was missing and the driver was bleeding. The next thing he did was to go to the next police point to inform the police about what happened," the source disclosed.

The source added that ACCOS 67 police team reported the matter to the control room while they took him to the divisional office in Utako to lodge a complaint. The mobile police personnel then rushed the injured driver to Wuse General Hospital for medical treatment.

"The matter was instantly radioed and the said vehicle was sighted by our men from our police patrol team in Zuba. The suspects, who used a blue Toyota Starlet for the operation, on seeing our men opened fire. The policemen returned fire and as a result three of the suspected armed robbers were gunned down. They were certified dead at the hospital, while the fourth person who was driving the jeep was arrested," the source said.

When contacted, the Zuba Divisional Police officer, Chief Superintendent Adelegan Femi, confirmed the shootout and stated that the black Prado Jeep was snatched at Utako by armed robbers, who also shot the driver in the process. He said the three suspects died in a shootout with the police while the fourth suspect was arrested.

Parading the suspect on Thursday morning, FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, stated that the fourth suspect, who is in police custody, is the leader of the gang.

"During interrogation, he confessed that the gang has been operating within Abuja and that they have a receiver in Kaduna. He said that was the reason why they took that route in order to deliver the car to him," she stated.

The FCT police spokesperson added that it was equally discovered that there is another plate number in the vehicle but that the policemen were already briefed about the car and

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that it was not difficult to identify the car even without its original number plate. She said investigation on the case is on going.

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