

2 DIE AS POLICE BATTLE ROBBERS AT WUSE



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Two suspected armed robbers were on Wednesday shot dead by men of the FCT police command during a gun duel at Wuse 2, Abuja.

City News gathered from police sources that the officers attached to Wuse division, who were alerted by a distress call from a victim, caught the heavily armed robbers in the act at a shopping plaza in Wuse 2.

"As at the time policemen got to the scene, the operation was still ongoing, and on sighting the officers of the FCT police, the robbers opened fire and the police responded; two of the robbers were shot and confirmed dead in the hospital," the source added.

FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, confirmed the incident. She also said that one of the victims told the police that more than five armed robbers invaded the plaza.

"A shop attendant at the plaza said that about five robbers came to the plaza and started harassing shop owners and customers before the arrival of the police. They threatened to kill them if they failed to give them money and their phones but for the early intervention of the police, who were able to recover all the stolen items including the phones the armed robbers collected from the victims. The items were recovered and returned to the owners," she said.

The FCT police PPRO said efforts are still on to arrest the fleeing members of the gang and praised the occupants of the plaza for contacting the police.

"Similarly, our men attached to Zuba division recovered a black Toyota Corolla saloon car with registration number FKJ 755 BL, which was reported stolen from Lugbe. The hoodlums on sighting our men at a stop and search point abandoned the vehicle and fled," she stated.

The PPRO added that efforts are on to arrest the robbers.

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