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POLICE ENGAGE SUSPECTED ROBBERERS IN SHOOTOUT, KILL ONE

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Men of the FCT police command Thursday afternoon, along FCT-Niger State boundary, engaged four suspected armed robbers in a gun battle.

FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, said one of the robbers was shot dead, one others injured, while two other escaped.

Daniel said on Thursday morning, a distress call was received that a Nissan Pathfinder jeep was snatched at gun point at Lugbe by some armed gunmen, who harassed motorists during the operation.

She said immediately the information was received, policemen on patrol, nipping points and stop and search, were alerted to be on the watch out.

The deputy superintendent said few hours later, the stolen vehicle was sighted by policemen on stop and search along the FCT-Niger State boundary with four occupants.

"The suspects on sighting our men attempted to escape but were given a hot chase by our men and in the process a gun duel ensued. One of the suspects was shot and another arrested. The arrested suspect confessed to the crime, while the one shot was confirmed dead at a hospital," she said.

The FCT PPRO said the suspect revealed that they were four in number, and mostly snatched cars in the FCT and sold them in Niger State.

She said efforts are on to arrest the fleeing members of the gang as investigation on the incident is still ongoing.

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