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Anti-robbery squad guns down suspected car snatcher

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A suspected car snatcher has been gunned down after a shootout with the FCT Special Anti- Robbery Squad Sunday afternoon, City News heard yesterday.

A source disclosed that, while on patrol, policemen attached to the FCT Special Anti-Robbery Squad in Garki axis, received a complaint from a man in Games Village that his car was robbed at gun point by two men, who pretended to be passengers going to the Games Village from Durumi.

The source said that few minutes after they boarded the vehicle, the suspects brought out a gun and ordered the driver to hand over the vehicle or be killed.

The source said the driver stopped the vehicle and that the armed bandits hit him with the butt of the gun on his head, pushed him out of the vehicle and zoomed off with it.

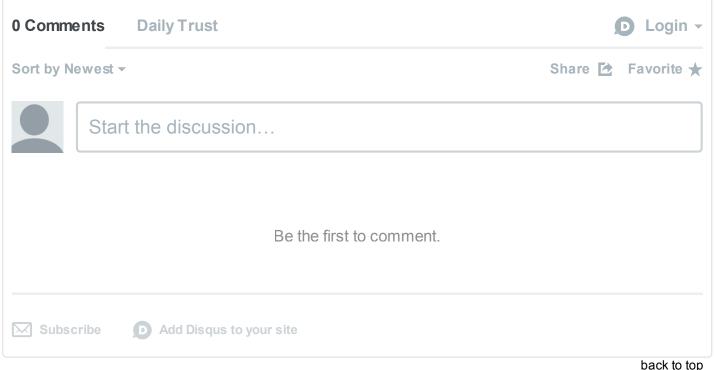
He added that policemen, after receiving the complaint, alerted other policemen at stop and search points on the stolen vehicle.

City News learnt that the SARS patrol team gave the vehicle a hot chase, which led to a gun duel and, in the process, one of the suspects was shot, while the other one ran away, abandoning the vehicle.

Reacting, FCT police spokesperson, Deputy Superintendent Hyelhira Altine Daniel, confirmed the incident, saying that the suspect that was shot was taken to hospital, where he was confirmed dead.

The PPRO said that the snatched vehicle was recovered and a toy gun was found in it, adding that the car was handed back to the owner.

She also said that efforts are on to arrest the fleeing suspect.



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