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3 ROBBERY SUSPECTS KILLED IN SHOOT-OUT WITH POLICE



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A suspected member of a notorious armed robbery gang, who operated by wearing fake military uniform was among the three suspects killed recently during a shoot-out with the police at Agege area of Lagos.

The suspect, Joseph Jack, alongside the other four members of his gang, had been on the wanted list of the police for alleged involvement in various crimes committed within and outside the city.

However, luck ran against the gang after they had robbed some people of their valuables on the Agege motor road, when they engaged the police in a shoot-out.

A police source at the State Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS) told our correspondent that two locally made cut-to-size rifles and 20 rounds of ammunition were recovered from the bodies of the suspects after the shoot-out.

The police's encounter with the gang followed a distress call received by the Lagos Police Central Command that the gang was operating along Agege motor road.

Based on the strength of the information, the state Commissioner of Police immediately drafted policemen from SARS to the scene, the source added.

"On sighting the police, the robbers opened fire. The police responded and overwhelmed the robbers, leading to the death of three of them, including Jack while the other two escaped with injuries," a police source disclosed.

The Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Kenneth Nwosu, confirmed the incident to our correspondent.

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