

# Robber shot dead in Xmas day gun duel with police

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An escaped member of an armed robbery gang who shot and injured a former Divisional Police Officer (DPO) in Ogbere, Ogun State last month, has been shot dead during another escape bid on Christmas Day at Ijebu Ife.

Ogun State police spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a release yesterday said the suspect, who escaped arrest last month after the attack on DPO Adeyinka Akingbade, had reportedly fled to Delta State and was subsequently put on the wanted list.

Oyeyemi said: "Luck however ran against him on Christmas day when police operatives received information that he was sighted in a beer parlour at Itawade area of Ijebu Ife, but before getting there, he had left the place.

"He was however traced to his in-law's house where the police operatives caught up with him and having realized that the game is up, he brought out a pistol and started firing at the policemen.

“The operatives were left with no other alternative than to fire back consequent upon which he was shot dead.”

The state police command spokesman added that “recovered from him were a locally made pistol, a machete, assorted charms and a Toyota Highlander with two different registration numbers.

“It will be recalled that the former DPO in Ogbere was shot and seriously injured by the gang during one of their robbery operations at Itele-ljebu where the DPO had gone to engage them in gun battle.

“The injured officer is still recuperating in hospital.”