

Robbers kill policeman in Lagos

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DAREDEVIL robbers in military uniform unleashed terror on residents of Abule-Egba area of Lagos yesterday morning, killing a policeman at the end of the operation.

The late policeman, a constable, was felled by bullets of the robbers who overpowered the police anti-robbery team at about 3.30 a.m. when the operation was going on.

Residents told *The Guardian* that the robbers spent over four hours robbing from house to house and carting away huge sums and valuables yet to be estimated.

One of the residents had alerted the police on phone and in a swift response, a police anti-robbery squad arrived at the street but received stiff resistance from the robbers who were using sophisticated guns.

The face-to-face gun duel lasted over two hours. At the end, a policeman was gunned down and the robbers fled.

The state police command spokesman, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the incident to *The Guardian*.

But he said that the command was yet to get enough details and that the Police were on the trail of the robbers.

In the past six months, residents of Abule-Egba and Iyana-Ipaya have been subjected to a series of robberies in the night.