

Robber Shot Dead, Four Arrested

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An armed robber was at the weekend shot dead during a crossfire with the Police in two different operations in Lagos. At the first encounter took place

on Friday at Aswani Junction, along Oshodi-Apapa Expressway, when a member of an armed robbery gang was shot dead during a shootout with a team of Anti-Robbery policemen attached to Isolo Division, while other accomplices

escaped. It was learnt that the gang laid ambush at the junction where they were dispossessing passers-by and motorists of their handsets, money and other valuables before the police team swooped on them.

Sources said the Police came to the scene following a distress call, but upon sighting the Police team, they opened fire on them.

However, the Police team, reacting in self-defense, shot one of the robbers and killing him instantly in the ensuing melee.

Two locally made double barrel guns, a single barrel gun and six live cartridges were recovered at the scene of the attack.

Also, following tip-offs at the weekend, anti-robbery operatives from the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, arrested four suspected armed robbers in different parts of the state.

An English pistol, a locally made pistol and a live cartridge were recovered from the arrested suspects.

At different hideouts, one Tony Odey, 32, was arrested at Moloney Street, Obalende and Mohammed Bello, 24, was picked up at Sura Market on Lagos Island.

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