

Ogun Police Foil Robbery, Kill One

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Men of the Ogun State Police Command attached to the Ijebu-Ode Division have foiled a robbery operation near Atunrase Hotel at the Sagamu-Ijebu-Ode axis of the Lagos-Ibadan Expressway.

One of the robbery suspects was killed in the ensuing gun duel between the police and the bandits after a vigilante group tipped off the policemen.

One of the six-man robbery gang, who fell to the superior fire-power of the police team, was said to be in bad shape and has been

taken to the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital (OOUTH), Sagamu, while four others are currently at large.

Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO) of the command, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, a Deputy Superintendent of Police, who confirmed the robbery, said policemen disguised as commercial vehicle passengers to ambush the men of the underworld.

He added that two mock guns made from a long stick were recovered from the hoodlums, who operated between 5 and 5:30 a.m. on the highway.

"They had chosen the spot as their operation base. As a matter of fact, four of them were arrested at the same spot just last week when they posed as genuine policemen, flashing down unsuspecting vehicles apparently to dispossess them of their belongings," Awoyale, who spoke on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Mr. Joseph Apapa, said.

He pleaded with members of the public to oblige information to men and officers of the Force to be able to serve the society better, assuring Nigerians of utmost confidentiality of such information.