## Two Cops Killed As Robbers Raid Police Station To Release Colleague

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At least two policemen were feared dead when robbery suspects numbering well over 25 invaded a police station in Lagos in a bid to effect the release of their arrested accomplice in detention.

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Prior to the incident, it was gathered that suspected armed robbers had laid onslaught at Ajangbadi area, along Badagry Expressway, Lagos around 7.00p.m on Wednesday until Anti-Robbery operatives attached to Ajangbadi Division raced to the scene and engaged the bandits in a crossfire following a tipoff.

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At the end of the ensuing gun duel, an accomplice was allegedly shot in the leg but was whisked away by his gang members.

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It was learnt that the shot accomplice was taken to an herbalist in the area for the removal of the bullets lodged in his leg.

Sensing the danger of treating a robbery suspect with bullet, it was gathered that the herbalist quickly alerted the police around 8.30p.m on Tuesday and the bandit was placed under arrest and whisked to the station.

But at 10.00p.m on the same day, four armed men went to the station to bail the detained robbers and it was said that the officer on the counter made it clear to the men that the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) was not around and that they should call back the following day.

Not satisfied with the plea of the officer, it was further gathered that some armed men numbering well over 25 stormed the police station around 1.30 mid-night and cordoned it off.

Initially, it was reported that the bandits invaded the Divisional Crime Bureau (DCB) of the station and shot dead an Inspector heading the office.