

Two Die As Police, Robbers Exchange Fire

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Police killed two members of a notorious gang of armed robbers in Lagos at the weekend.

Operatives of the Criminal Investigations Department (SCID) engaged the seven-man gang in gun battle at New Oko-Oba, Agege, which led to the death of the two men.

A competent source said the police acted on a tip-off that the robbers who had been terrorising residents of the area in the last few months were going to raid an area on Saturday night.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Olubode Ojajuni, confirmed the report in a telephone interview.

He disclosed that three members of the gang had been arrested and were undergoing interrogation.

Ojajuni said the police anti-robbery was aware of the activities of the gang.

"Since we got information about their activities in the area, we have been planning how to attack them without causing tension but thank God everything worked out as planned."

A resident of the area, Bunmi Olaoni, said the people have been living in fear from the beginning of the year because armed robbery has become a weekly occurrence.

"We had to get the services of Oodu'a Peoples Congress (OPC) men but the situation did not change. We later sent a letter to Pantti and they promised to do something," he said.

It was learnt that the police recently raided the abattoir located in the area. They recovered a cache of arms.