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Fleeing Robbers Kill Pregnant Woman, Two Year-old

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Four suspected armed robbers in their bid to escape police arrest in Ajamgbadi area of Lagos have allegedly shot and killed two people, including a pregnant woman and a two-year-old boy.

The incident occurred on Sunday.

Sources at the Area “E” Police station informed *Daily Independent* that the police had received a distress telephone call that armed robbers were on their way to a private residence allegedly belonging to a retired customs officer.

A police patrol team was then directed to mobilise and it cordoned off the area.

The incident happened at about 4.20pm.

The hoodlums, upon sighting the police patrol van opened fire.

It was gathered that the gallantry exhibited by the policemen prevented the robbers from carrying out their operation as they abandoned their commercial Volkswagen bus and took to their heels.

“I think it was in their bid to escape from the police that they fired at different directions and we were told that the woman was actually returning from an outing when she was hit by the robbers bullet,” a senior police officer said.

It was further gathered that the pursuit of the criminals led to another shooting which allegedly hit a yet to be identified two-year-old boy on her sister’s back.