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Robbers Kill Policeman In Lagos

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A policeman was shot dead in Lagos at the weekend during an encounter with gunmen suspected to be robbers.

The incident occurred at a black spot in Shomolu area on Saturday around 4p.m.

Sources said the robbers operating in a Mercedes Benz (V-Boot) car and another unidentified vehicle opened fire on the anti-robbery operatives from Shomolu Divisional Police Station, Pedro, Shomolu, who were on a stop-and-search duty.

Before the operatives could respond to the attack, a corporal, who was on the patrol team, had been shot dead, while the gunmen took to their heels.

The state Deputy Police Public Relations Officer, Frank Mba, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), confirmed the incident.

He, however, said the gunmen escaped with gunshot wounds.

One of the operational vehicles, the Mercedes Benz car, Mba added, was abandoned by the robbers before escaping in another stolen vehicle.

During a search on the car, he said, a locally made pistol, a double barrel gun cut to size and 27 live cartridges were recovered.

Mba also disclosed that the matter has been transferred to the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID), Panti, Yaba, Lagos, for investigation.

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