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## Ex-Army Officer Confronts Robbers

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### • Kills Two, Injures One

Residents of Governor Road in Ijegan, a Lagos suburb on Sunday were treated to a spectacle by a retired Army Colonel, Ifeanyi Chukwuma and a gang of armed robbers who invaded the area and forcefully entered the soldier's compound.

At the end of the face-off, two of the robbers were killed while one was injured.

The Colonel who spoke to *Daily Independent* said "it was a bad day for the bad boys. They can't always be having their way. When they

wrote me that they were coming to my house for money, I also prepared to receive them. Make no mistake, I am a trained soldier and I am only retired not tired."

It was gathered that the robbers had written to the retired infantry soldier that, they learnt he just returned from a trip abroad and that he should keep some dollars for them or blood would flow. "They got to the area around 9p.m. and first headed to my compound, but the gate was

locked as I had instructed members of my household. So, they made one silly mistake and first of all bang at the gate before scaling the fence to enter the compound."

Chukwuma, according to the police at Ijegan Police Station, loaded his double barrel gun and faced the robbers head on. The source noted that even when the police came around to save the situation, the retired soldier was still firing. "Even when we were shouting at the Colonel to stop that

the police were around, he ignored us and was firing at them," the source said.

It was learnt that the soldier was at vantage position and could see the criminals from his pent-house. The robbers it was gathered out of anger shot severally at his cars. It was gathered that, the robbers even with their number could not advance close to the main entrance of the house because of the firing power of the retired Colonel.

When *Daily Independent* contacted the Lagos police image maker, Bode Ojajuni, he confirmed the development and added that policemen were already on the trail

of the criminals following blood stains on the ground. "I think the running ones should just show up before it is too late, because their cups are full and no matter how long they think they could hide, police would still get them. This is because God has already disgraced them."

Police source added that the corpses of the two killed robbers were taken away by the police from Ijegan Police Station, while the injured is said to be giving them useful information about series of their operation. The Police Sergeant from Ijegan admitted that the gun duel could not have lasted less than 90 minutes.