

Robbery Suspect Dies In Encounter With Police In Lagos

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A member of a gang of armed robbery suspects died in a shoot-out with the police during a raid on a fast-food joint on Iju - Ishaga road in the early hours of Monday.

Police from Iju Divisional Headquarters in Lagos State, who were on patrol, raced to the scene, following a distress call.

But the robbery suspects opened fire on sighting the police team. One of them, identified as Bright, died during the exchange of fire with the police.

Before the arrival of the police, however, the gang had killed a security guard. It was learnt that they asked for proceeds from the previous day's sales.

"They were three in number with double barrel guns and were asking us for the money from Sunday's sales. We told them that we had taken the money to the bank but they refused to accept our explanation," a staff of the fast food joint said.

The police said the dead robbery suspect managed to give his name as Bright before he gave up the ghost, apparently because of haemorrhage.

"He just managed to say that his name was Bright and was asking for water, so we could not get his other names before he died," a police source said.

The police said it was the same gang that robbed a family of three in Ijoko in Ogun State and later set the apartment of the victims on fire.

The Lagos State Police Commissioner, Muhammed Abubakar, confirmed the Monday incident to *Daily Independent*.

He added that his men were already on the trail of the fleeing members of the gang and that they would be arrested very soon.