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Daily Independent (Lagos)

[Nigeria: Lagos Police Foil Bank Robbery, Kill Two On Okada](#)

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Lagos — THE NAME 'Akpoyibo' rings bell in the minds of armed robbers in Lagos State and those in neighbouring states. He is the Lagos State Commissioner of Police (CP), Marvel Akpoyibo, a police officer, who does not compromise criminality and corruption.

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And for that, men of the underworld dread him. His toughness towards armed robbers has led to relative peace in Lagos. Some of those who dared the police by striking at banks either during the day or at night have met their untimely deaths. As they change their modus operandi,

Akpoyibo also changes his security tactics to beat their antics.

To some of them, attacking banks is almost like a camel passing through the eye of a needle, so they have devised a method of attacking customers either going to deposit money or withdraw from the banks, after obtaining information on movements of such customers. But Akpoyibo has also placed his officers on red alert with stringent security measures to monitor such dare devil armed robbers.

As breaking into the banks has become almost impossible, the unrepentant armed robbers who have devised the means of trailing bank customers last Monday met their Waterloo.

Two of them were gunned down by police detectives from Apapa Police Division, led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Ali Muhammed, a Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP).

Daily Independent gathered that the incident happened at about 2p.m. when the two robbers who operated with a windy motorcycle started trailing a bank customer who had gone to withdraw unspecified amount of money from a bank located on Warehouse Road, Apapa.

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The victim was said to have been trailed to Point Road, Apapa, where the armed robbers attacked him.

It was gathered that anti-robbery policemen were alerted that robbers were operating in the neighbourhood and the team raced to the scene.

Daily Independent further gathered that as soon as the robbers sighted the police, they opened fire and the police responded promptly.

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Station, Iju.

The operation that stalled the robbery was led by its Divisional Police Officer, Prince Ogbonna Remy, following a distress call from the commands control room.

The robbers said to be 10 in number had gone to attack a Micro Finance Bank located along Iju-Agege road in three private cars at about 3a.m., while

After a few minutes of exchange of gunfire, the two robbers were gunned down.

Police sources disclosed that one locally made double barrel pistol with two live cartridges as well as their operational motorcycle were recovered.

In a related development, a bank robbery was averted at Iju area of the state the same week by anti-robbery policemen from Red House Police

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residents of the area were asleep.

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Daily Independent learnt that the security guard on duty at the bank was tied with rope before the robbers started their operation by breaking into the bank with a sledge hammer.

But they could not penetrate, before some neighbours were said to have alerted the police, who promptly arrived at the scene and engaged the robbers in gun battle. The superior fire power of the police was said to have forced the robbers to abandon their mission and escaped.

Police sources said the robbers were armed with several tools to break into the house including a gas cylinder and a welding machine, which they had wanted to use in cutting the bank iron doors and vault. They were said to have all been recovered from the scene.

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