

Police kill suspected robber in Lagos

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AN ARMED robbery suspect was at the weekend shot dead during a crossfire with policemen in Lagos

The incident occurred at about 4.00 p.m. on Saturday along Alausa road, Ikeja.

Trouble started when a gang of armed robbers, numbering four, wanted to snatch an unregistered Toyota Highlander Jeep from its owner, a woman identified as Modupe Ariwaye at gunpoint.

The victim was said to have put up a stiff resistance by shouting 'ole', 'ole' (thief), a development which attracted neighbours who then gave the robbers a hot chase.

While fleeing with the vehicle, it was said that the robbers attempted to snatch a bag from a man passing by, Oroale John, who was later identified to be a police sergeant serving at the Man Centre Divisional Police Station.

Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Joseph Jaiyeoba, said the police sergeant, who was dressed in mufti was shot in his right jaw and chest.

Also, an 'okada' rider was not spared as he was shot in his bottom by the rampaging robbers.

Jaiyeoba said luck, however, ran out on the robbers, as they were caught up, in cross exchange of fire with armed policemen attached to the Alausa Divisional Police Station, Ikeja.