

Two robbers killed in gun duel

TWO armed robbers were shot dead last Saturday by policemen from the Edo State Police Command.

They were part of a five-man robbery gang that terrorised Ekpoma and other parts of the state, the Police said.

Four policemen sustained injuries during a shoot-out with the armed robbers, it was learnt.

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Police Commissioner Chris Dega, who briefed reporters yesterday on the incident, said his command received a distress call from 'a good Samaritan', who had informed the police that armed robbers with a four-wheel drive were operating at a petrol station at Ekpoma, and that the bandits later headed towards Benin.

He said following the information, policemen mobilised and mounted a roadblock at Egba Junction on the Benin-Auchi Road.

Dega explained that when the armed robbers got to the roadblock, they started shooting indis-criminately and police countered them. One of the robbers was killed and four policemen were injured in the process, he said.