

Two robbery suspects die in shootout with police in Warri

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Two suspected robbers were killed at the weekend when they engaged the police in a shootout in Warri, Delta State.

The Nation gathered that the suspects were members of a gang, which robbed Warri residents of and its environs.

They were allegedly operating in the town said when they met their waterloo on Saturday.

Police sources said the gang, one of whose members escaped with bullet wounds, allegedly robbed a tricycle driver, identified simply as Mr Uche, of his *Keke NAPEP* around the Main Garage in Warri.

Uche was said to have notified a police patrol team from the Warri 'A' Division, which immediately chased the suspects.

Although the hoodlums reportedly robbed many people as they were moving round the town, they were said to have run into the patrol team around the Old Welfare area of the town and opened fire on them.

At the end of the shootout, two of the three-man gang were seriously injured and taken to an undisclosed hospital, where they died.

Police Commissioner Muhammad Mustafa said two suspects were arrested in connection with the robbery of the *Keke NAPEP* driver.

"They used a tricycle, popularly called (*Keke NAPEP*) for the operation and they were intercepted by the police. But they are seriously injured and currently are in the hospital," Mustafa said.