

Hoodlums clash in Osun, one killed, six arrested

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ABOUT six hoodlums have been arrested by the Osun State police command in connection with the killing of a yet-to-be identified middle-aged man in Ikire, in Irewole Local Government Area of the state.

The suspects, who are now being interrogated by the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) of the command, were said to have given useful information to the police on the incident.

It was gathered that

trouble started last Saturday at Sango area of the town when a gang of hoodlums invaded the shop of a woman with dangerous weapons and insisted on collecting money from her before she could transact any business for the day.

The woman was said to have given them a certain amount of money, after which they disappeared, only for another set of hoodlums to storm the shop again some minutes later to demand same settlement.

The woman, however, declined and this infuri-

ated the thugs, who began beating her and were in the process of locking up her shop, when another gang arrived at the scene to defend her.

It was gathered that in the process, a clash ensued between members of the gangs, who used dangerous weapons like dane guns, cutlasses, clubs, cudgels on each other.

The development led to the death of one of the thugs, whose corpse was said to have been deposited at a nearby hospital mortuary.

Sources informed the *Nigerian Tribune* that it was the prompt intervention of operatives of the state police command who stormed the scene and made six arrests that prevented the situation from further degenerating.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mrs Yemisi Opalola, who confirmed the arrests in Osogbo, added that the suspects would be prosecuted.

She said the command was still investigating the circumstances that led to the killing of the deceased.