

Police recover 'gas gun' in Lagos, arrest 66 criminals as another jumps to death

Suspected robbers who killed cop nabbed

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THE police in Lagos State have recovered the first of its kind gas gun, Spyder Victor, from suspected traffic robbers on the Eko Bridge.

The police also arrested 66 suspected criminals in different parts of the state within the last one month.

The Lagos State Commissioner of Police, Idowu Owohunwa, who paraded the suspects before newsmen on Thursday, described the recovered gun as "a unique and strange gun."

The police boss also stated that he had never come across such gun being recovered from criminals in any part of Nigeria.

Owohunwa told newsmen

that "based on the concern raised by Lagosians on the activities of traffic robbers, we deployed our operatives to cover some of the flash points, and fortunately, last night [Wednesday] on the Eko Bridge, some of those traffic robbers were apprehended and I must say that the most unique thing about this is not just the arrest, but the recovery of this gun from them.

"The gun is called Spyder Victor. This is strange; it is a unique weapon and we are working currently to get to the root of this.

"There were two of the suspects; one of them was arrested, while the other, in an attempt to evade the police, jumped down from the bridge and died."

The police boss also ad-

ded that "The gun uses cartridges. We recovered some of the cartridges. We will get to the depth of it because this is a new introduction."

② In another development, six members of a robbery gang that killed a policeman and snatched his AK-47 rifle have been arrested by the police.

The police boss said: "On August 3, at about 10:00p.m., based on intelligence gathering on the armed robbery incident around Airport Hotel, Ikeja, that led to the murder of a police officer and the carting away of his rifle, operatives of the command embarked

on discreet investigation and arrested six suspects at their hideouts at Alagbado and Amikanle areas.

"One AK-47 rifle with 21

rounds of live ammunition was recovered. This syndicate is also responsible for robbing a popular night club in Ikeja on July 19."

Also, the police boss said: "On August 10, at about 1:10p.m., operatives of the command arrested one Solomon (surname withheld) and Abu (surname withheld) for impersonation.

"The suspects were impersonating as mobile police officers guarding an estate and were arrested when they were trying to effect an arrest on a case reported by a lady who thought they were genuine officers.

"One fabricated AK-47 rifle with three live ammunitions, a pair of police camouflage uniform, a jack knife and police identity card were recovered from them."