

# Police kill robbery suspects in Ogun, Anambra

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**A** suspected armed robber has been killed in a gun battle between men of the Anambra State Police Command and members of a three-man gang.

Investigations by our correspondent revealed that the incident occurred in the early hours of Wednesday on Emma Nnaemeka Street in Awka, the state capital.

It was learnt that members of the gang, which included a female, were attacking residents on the street before a distress call got to men of the Special Anti-Robbery Squad.

The police team, on arriving at the scene, engaged the suspects in a shootout, following which one of them was reportedly shot dead.

His identity could not be established as at the time of filing this report.

The two others escaped but the police claimed on Wednesday that they might have gone into hiding with bullet wounds.

The command's Public

Relations Officer, Mr. Fidelis Agbo, who confirmed the incident, said weapons, including double-barrelled guns were recovered from the group.

Agbo, a deputy superintendent of police, added that two cameras, mobile phones and cartridges were also recovered by the police team.

Also, the Ogun State Police Command, on Tuesday, killed a member of a six-man armed robbery gang who normally pose as policemen and rob unsuspecting motorists on the Sagamu-Abeokuta Expressway.

According to the information gathered, one other suspect was seriously injured and is on danger list at the Olabisi Onabanjo University Teaching Hospital, Sagamu.

Our correspondents gathered that the suspects usually carry sticks shaped like guns and wrap them with black cello-tape alongside with other guns and dangerous weapons.

Nemesis caught up with them as some members of a

vigilance group in the area alerted the police about their nefarious activities.

The policemen disguised as passengers in a commercial bus and were flagged down by the suspects.

The policemen immediately opened fire on the suspects from a close range before the suspects also engaged them in a gun duel.

During the exchange of fire, the policemen killed one of the suspects and injured one before the others rest fled.

The command's Public Relations Officer, Mr. Olufemi Awoyale, a deputy superintendent of police, confirmed the incident at the police headquarters, Elewera.

He said the suspects were intercepted on Tuesday near Atunrase Hotel, Sagamu, around 5.30 am.

• He added that last week, four suspects were arrested at the same spot.

Awoyale said two of the sticks were recovered from the suspects.