

Two robbery suspects killed in crossfire

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MEN of the Lagos State Police Command, on Saturday, killed two suspected armed robbers during a shooting encounter with a four-man gang at Apapa area of the state.

It was learnt that the robbers had subjected motorists and passengers on the Oshodi-Apapa Expressway to a harrowing experience before the sudden appearance of the policemen.

At the Tin-Can Island second gate, the robbers parked their two motorcycles by the roadside. A member of the gang stood close to the motorcycles while the three others were dispossessing people of the valuables at gunpoint.

Just then, a team of anti-robbery policemen attached to the Apapa Police Station ran into the gang at about 8.30pm.

Immediately the robbers sighted the policemen, one of them reportedly pulled the trigger and shot into the air. The policemen responded.

For about 15 minutes, the area was turned to a battlefield as the security men and

the bandits engaged in a gun duel.

During the shoot-out, two of the armed robbers sustained severe gunshot injuries while the two others managed to mount one of their motorcycles and fled.

The injured robbers were later arrested as bullets had shattered their legs; a situation that made them immobile.

Our correspondent learnt that the two suspects died a few minutes later. Although the police claimed that they died while they were being taken to the hospital.

One locally-made pistol, four pieces of live ammunition and a motorcycle with registration number AP 316 KJA were recovered from the scene of the incident.

Spokesman for the command, Mr. Olubode Ojajuni, a superintendent of police, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Monday.

Ojajuni said the corpses of the robbery suspects had been deposited at a public mortuary just as the police had got a clue that could lead to the arrest of the fleeing members of the gang.