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Robbery: Two policemen feared killed in Lagos

Sunday Aborisade

Armed robbers shot two policemen around the Anthony bus stop, Ikorodu Road, Lagos on Wednesday following their failed attempt to rob some banks at the Ilupeju area of the state.

Eye witnesses told our correspondent that the policemen died on the spot. But the Deputy Public Relations Officer of the state command, Mr. Frank Mba, who confirmed the development, said the victims were still alive.

Mba explained that the robbers had planned to attack some 'financial institutions' around Anthony Village and Ilupeju when members of the public called the attention of the police to it.

He said a detachment of armed policemen were immediately dispatched to the areas, a development which forced the bandits to abandon their mission.

The police spokesperson added that the robbers in a bid to avoid being arrested by the police, fired at them and injured two.

Mba said the robbers escaped with severe injuries because the policemen also opened fire on them.

However, the situation led to pandemonium in the area as residents, business owners and workers hurriedly closed their doors for fear of being hit by stray bullets.

Commuters also defiled the downpour during the gun battle at about 10.30am as they rushed out of vehicles while drivers also abandoned their vehicles on the main road and ran for dear lives.

Sources said the robbery operation was led by a woman. The gang reportedly,

snatched a commuter bus and a BMW car, which they drove dangerously and later abandoned before they eventually escaped.

Normalcy was however restored after the robbers had escaped from the scene. The 'injured' policemen were said to be receiving treatment at an undisclosed hospital as at the time of filing this report.

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