

Police kill four robbery suspects in Lagos

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FOUR men believed to be armed robbers met their Waterloo in Lagos on Saturday during a shooting encounter with the police.

The suspected robbers, it was learnt, had earlier snatched a Mercedes Benz from its owner before they had the encounter with the police.

A police source told our correspondent that the robbers snatched the victim's car at about 11.30pm and abandoned him on the road

very close to Liverpool Bridge in Apapa.

"The man was shouting for help all alone in the middle of the road when a police patrol team drove to the scene, and he quickly informed the police that his car had just been snatched," the source said.

According to him, the policemen from Apapa division were still trying to get more facts from the man when a Mercedes car zoomed past them.

He said, "Immediately the

car passed, the man shouted, 'that is my car, that is my car' and the police quickly pursued it."

It was gathered that when the robbers in the Mercedes Benz got to Coconut area of Apapa, there was a fierce exchange of gunfire between them and the policemen.

The shootout, it was learnt, lasted for about 15 minutes and the robbers were forced to abandon the snatched vehicle.

However, as they made attempts to flee from the

scene, the robbers were hit by more bullets. All of them died on the spot.

Deputy spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Olumide Jimoh, confirmed the incident to our correspondent on Sunday.

Jimoh said four locally-made pistols and 10 live cartridges were recovered from the dead suspected robbers.

Besides, he said nine mobile telephone sets and assorted bags containing vital documents were found in the car.