

Man killed for allegedly stealing N4,000

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A man suspected to have snatched N4,000 from a victim was killed in Lagos on Saturday during an encounter with the police.

The unidentified man was among a four-man gang that attacked drivers and commuters at about midnight on Ojo-Igbede Road.

The men, said to be armed with guns, had allegedly robbed some other persons before pouncing on another victim who later called the police.

The bandits attacked the man, identified as Onanuga Adeniji, and snatched N4,000 from him at gunpoint.

It was learnt that immediately the robbers left Adeniji, he sent a distress call to the police and he was lucky that a police patrol team was some metres away

from the spot where he was robbed.

The policemen came to the scene and met the robbers somewhere along the road.

Our correspondent learnt that as soon as the robbers sighted the police, they made a spirited attempt to flee.

The security men chased them and there ensued an exchange of gunfire. During the cross-fire, one of the robbers was killed while the three other members to escaped.

One locally-made gun and five live cartridges were recovered from the dead robbery suspect.

In another development, some policemen attached to the Victoria Island division, have arrested a man with one double-barrelled shotgun and three live cartridges.

The suspect, whose name was given as Oluwaseun Oyeniyi, 25, was arrested on Kofo Abayomi Street,

Victoria Island.

It was learnt that Oyeniyi, driving a Passat car with registration number XD 966 FST, was stopped by the policemen at "Cowrie Gate black spot."

He refused to stop and sped off. The policemen chased his car and caught up with him at Kofo Abayomi,

Bandits kill PHCN worker, wreak havoc on Osogbo communities

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ARMED robbers have continued to unleash terror on residents of Osogbo just as an employee of the Power Holding Company of Nigeria, Mr. Sunday Babagbemi, was killed by robbers who stormed his residence in Capital area of Osogbo.

Also, robbers terrorised residents of Gbodofon area of Osogbo, maiming residents and carting away valuables such as cell phones, jewellery, wristwatches and

where he was forced to bring his vehicle to a halt.

The policemen were said to have become curious on the basis of the driver's action. This led to a thorough search of his car.

During the search, the gun and the cartridges were found in the vehicle.

Besides, two Nokia

money.

An investigation by our correspondent on Sunday, in Osogbo, showed that the late Babagbemi, who had just been transferred from Iwo PHCN office, was attached to the Distribution Unit of the power company.

A source disclosed to our correspondent that the deceased had put in 26 years of service before he met his gruesome end when robbers stormed his residence and shot him in the neck.

It was gathered that doctors battled to save the life

telephone handsets, one Samsung handset and a sum of N4, 830 were found on the suspect.

He was promptly arrested and taken to the VI police station for interrogation.

Spokesman for the Lagos State Police Command, Mr. Frank Mba, confirmed both

incidents to our correspondent on Sunday.

Mba said the suspect in the second incident would soon be referred to the state Criminal Investigation Department, Panty, Yaba, for further investigation.

He said the dead suspect had been taken to a public mortuary in the state.

Alekuwodo, where robbers carted away bundles of clothes from a shop.

Police Public Relations Officer, Osun State Command, Mr. Joshua Olayemi, said police had devised strategies to check the wave of robberies, adding that members of the public should call police hotlines in case of emergency.

He said, "The Osun Police Command is very responsive to distress calls. But if we do not get calls from distress areas how do we know there is a robbery?"

of his wife, who slumped, when she learnt of her husband's death.

Last week, residents of Ilupeju and Oke-Onti were subjected to physical and emotional trauma when robbers raided houses in an operation that lasted for more than three hours.

A correspondent with the *Daily Independent*, Mr. Gbenga Faturoti, was among residents whose properties were carted away by robbers in Ilupeju.

On Friday, a house was robbed on Peter Ajibola Street,