

Police kill two robbers

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AT least, two members of a notorious armed robbery gang were killed in Port Harcourt, Rivers State on Monday in a gun duel with policemen.

While two members of the gang, who were hit by bullets, died on the spot, one escaped with gunshot injuries.

The shoot-out caused motorists and pedestrians around the Olu Obasanjo Road, Port Harcourt, to scamper for safety.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Ben Ugwuegbulam, who confirmed the incident, said four AK-47 rifles with 360 live ammunition and three explosives were recovered from the hoodlums.

He, however, stated that the police were intensifying efforts towards arresting the fleeing hoodlum and a lady suspected to be operating with the gang.

Ugwuegbulam explained that the police also recovered one Toyota RAV4 SUV, military jackets and caps after the shoot-out, which began at about 12 noon.

He said the armed robbers were responsible for the interception of a bullion van and killing of two policemen and two bystanders at Rukpoku Market Junction.

Ugwuegbulam added, "At about 12 noon today, (Monday) three armed robbers who specialised in robbing bank customers of cash and shooting police escorts were attacked with fatal injuries inflicted on two of them in a shootout while one escaped."