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Items recovered from the robbers

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Five of the gunmen who stormed the 04 Hotel in Ajah area of Lagos last Sunday have been confirmed dead.

The robbers were killed in the early hours of Sunday (yesterday) in a shoot-out with the Special Anti Robbery Squad Ikeja, Lagos.

Several gunmen had stormed the hotel in a purported reprisal for the arrest of a colleague by SARS operatives at the same hotel. Seven persons including the owner of the hotel, Olarenwaju Subair, were killed in the attack.

Police sources who craved anonymity, told

PUNCH Metro that the robbers who were moving in a convoy of an Honda Odyssey and a Jeep on Sunday

(yesterday) for another operation, had earlier attacked some policemen at Ajah and later at the shoot-out with SARS operatives.

A police source said, "The robbers began their operation around 1am at Ajah but just as the they encountered a team of policemen on routine patrol. They opened fire on them ϵ exchange of fire, one policeman was killed in the process and another wounded.

"Immediately, the robbers aborted their mission and drove drown to Ajao Estate. They go about 2am and attacked a major dealer in phones, ipads and other ICT products.

"In the process, a police corporal, attached to the Mobile Police Force was killed. Valuable naira were carted away."

Having received a directive from the Lagos Commissioner of Police, Mr. Umar Manko, to apprehend the robbers, SARS operatives led by their leader, SP Abba Kyari, were said to have laid ambush along the Mushin/Ojuelegba areas while two more teams went towards the island to block the robbers escape.

Not long after, the robbers who eventually drove through the Mushin/Ojuelegba road, were said to have opened fire on sighting the SARS teams.

In an intense gunfight that reportedly lasted 30 minutes, the robbers were chased from Stadium in Surulere to Eko Bridge.

The source said, "Some of the robbers had been wounded in the car from the gunfight but that didn't stop them from driving. It wasn't until the driver of one of their vehicles sustained a gunshot injury to the neck that the vehicles stopped at Eko Bridge.

"Some were already dead in the car. Several more fled their vehicles and jumped over the Eko Bridge into the ocean below. But some of those who jumped must have been wounded, because there was blood on the rails of the bridge."

It was learnt that items from Ajao estate were recovered from the vehicles of the robbers. Policemen from the Area A command and the Marine Police later combed the waters, but did not find any corpse.







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Manko confirmed the incident to PUNCH Metro.

He said, "Five robbers were killed in the exchange of gunfire with SARS operatives. They had earlier attacked a major phone dealer at Ajao Estate before they were ambushed by SARS operatives along the Mushin/Ojuelegba areas."

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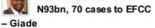
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