

Police shoot 2 robbers dead

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TWO suspected armed robbers have been shot dead during gun duel with security operatives in Warri, Delta State.

The deceased suspects were members of a four-man robbery gang that trailed a driver who had gone to withdraw N2million from bank.

The robbers allegedly rained bullets on the driver, Ogenebruvvie Patrick along NPA expressway, but escaped into the state Government House annex with injuries.

Although, the victim later gave up the ghost while on

the way to the hospital, the robbers failed in their bid to escape with the N2 million.

Confirming the death of the suspected robbers, the state Commissioner of Police, Mr. Zanna Ibrahim, said security operatives acted on a tip-off and responded swiftly to the robbery attack.

He said during exchange of fire, two of the gang members were shot dead while others fled. He said efforts have been intensified to arrest the fleeing bandits.

Meanwhile, the state government has denied that the robbery attack that claimed the life of the driver took

place at the government house as reported in some sections of the media.

The government said the robbery incident occurred when a driver attached to the Delta Waterways Security Committee Chairman, Chief Boro Opudu was trailed by armed robbers while returning from the bank.

According to the government, the rampaging robbers did not succeed in carting away the money which the late driver had withdrawn as security operatives were able to repel the robbers before they got to the government house.

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