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Police arrest UNIPORT student for robbery, kill 2 suspects

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The police in Port Harcourt, Rivers State capital, have arrested a 400-level undergraduate of the University of Port Harcourt for robbery. The 22-year-old suspect (names withheld) was also linked with a previous robbery in which a woman lost her handbag to the attackers.

The student's arrest occurred just as the police felled two suspected armed robbers in a foiled robbery in Oroworukwo community in Port Harcourt. It was gathered that trouble started for the university student when police detectives found one locally made pistol and five live cartridges hidden inside a kerosene stove he allegedly kept at the entrance to his room.

As if that was not enough trouble for him, the suspect was later identified by a female victim, who had lost her handbag to a previous robbery. Confirming the arrest, the Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mr. Akin Fakorede, a Superintendent of Police, said the suspect was still undergoing interrogation and would soon face prosecution.

In a related incident, two suspected robbers have met their Waterloo in a foiled robbery at the Amadi junction axis of Oroworukwo community in Port Harcourt. The suspects were said to have been wounded in a shoot-out with a police patrol team that arrived the scene of the robbery, following a distress call.

They were later certified dead at the Teme Clinic in the capital city. Fakorede said "weapons and ammunition of different caliber" were among items recovered from the dead suspects.



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