Two robbers killed during attack on passenger bus

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A gallant security man has killed two armed robbers, who attempted to rob a passengers' bus in Umuahia, Abia State.

The security man was among the passengers of the bus the robbers attacked, which would have been the second bus hoodlums raided on Monday.

Another member of the gang, who was injured, was arrested by the police after the shooting. The incident occurred when the robbers tried to rob a bus belonging to Cross Country Transport Company with registration number EPE 482 XT.

The driver, who did not mention his name, said the bus was going from Kaduna to Calabar.

He said when the bus got to a bad portion on the Enugu-Port Harcourt Expressway, near the Abia Tower of Peace a jeep with six occupants came from the rear but while he was trying to give it a chance to pass, it stopped in front of the bus. The driver said that all of a sudden the four doors opened simultaneously and three heavily armed men alighted.

He said: "Two of them pointed a gun at me while one opened the passenger's side and entered into the bus."

The robbers, he added, took control of the vehicle and made their way back towards the NNPC Mega Petrol Station, Nkwoegwu, on the expressway.

He said: "Unknown to the three robbers, there was a security man in the bus who, with the speed of light, shot three of them. He killed two, while one was arrested following a serious injury. When the other three still in the jeep saw what happened, they sped off."

Witnesses near the tower said that the operation would have been the second bus robbery the same day, even as the scene of the attack was a few metres away from a military checkpoint.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Geoffrey Ogbonna, confirmed the incident.

The arrested suspect

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