



Police Foil Bank Robbery, Kill 2

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No fewer than two suspected armed robbers were at the weekend, shot dead in Apapa area of Lagos State.

The police team who trailed them from the roundabout end of Warehouse road, engaged them in a shoot out and recovered two barreta pistols.

Lagos State Deputy Police Public Relations Officer (DPPRO), Mr Frank Mba, who spoke to some crime reporters, said the robbers were on their way to rob Fidelity Bank on Warehouse Road, Apapa, when they met their Waterloo.

Mba, a Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP), said those killed were on a surveillance mission when they ran into the combined team of detectives from Area B, and Apapa Police Stations.

According to him, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Apapa Police Station, Chief Superintendent of Police (CSP), Ari Mohammed, got a telephone call from some members of the public that they suspected movement of some group of people on two motorcycles and a car.

Upon the receipt of the information, the DPO, who in turn reported to his Area Commander, Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), Femi Oyeleye, detailed two teams of policemen to the area.

After several hours of patrolling the entire Apapa, the policemen sighted the group around Monalido end of Warehouse Road. They trailed them till they robbed a customer outside the bank of cash and valuable he added.

The Deputy police PRO further said that it was at this juncture that the robbers started to exchange firing with the police team who in turn fired back at them head long/

Two of the suspects who were riding on motor bike died instantly as a result of the gun shot injuries they sustained while the others took to their heels, leaving the two behind.

When they were searched, two guns and some ammunition were recovered from the body of the deceased robbers, he said.

While sounding a note of warning to robbers who still believed that they can rob successfully in Lagos and get away with it to stay away from Lagos before the long arm of law get to them. He said that the Commissioner of Police, Lagos State, Mr. Mohamed Abubakar still have zero tolerance for robbers.

Similarly, the Police in Apapa paraded three persons for their alleged involvement in commercial bus robbery.

The suspects who had earlier on robbed some unsuspecting members of the public of their belongings were arrested while in the act.

DSP Mba said the three robbers will soon be charged to court