

Robbers engage DPO in gun duel

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A GANG of armed robbers yesterday in the Alapere area of Lagos engaged the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Ogudu, Mr Funsho Ajao and his orderly in a shoot-out that lasted for ten minutes, for attempting to effect their arrest.

The robbers said to have thereafter engaged the policemen in a physical combat were however subdued as three of them were eventually arrested.

Sources said the bandits carried out a robbery operation in the area at midnight, where they were intercepted by policemen who engaged them in a gun duel that resulted in the killing of a member of the gang.

The robbers were however said to have escaped with the

body of their dead colleague.

However when the DPO Ogudu was going to his office yesterday, he reportedly saw about six men trying to help another that sustained what looked like gun shot wounds. Suspecting their moves, the DPO stopped and directed his orderly to see what was happening. But they were taken aback when a member of the group suspected to be robbers that operated the previous night, opened fire on them (police).

They were said to have thereafter engaged the DPO and his orderly who were in mufty in a scuffle.

Ajao however managed to call for back up at the end of which three suspected members of the robbery gang were arrested. The DPO and his orderly were immediately rushed to the hospital for treatment.

When contacted, the DPO, a Superintendent of Police confirmed the attack to *Vanguard* and said, "we actually had it tough with them. After exhausting their bullets, they resorted to physical combat, thinking we were civilians. But at the end we subdued them and three of them were arrested."

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party's flagbearer as a charade. "It is sad and disheartening that this is happening in AC that professes to be the symbol of the nation's nascent democracy," he said.