

Police kill four armed robbery suspects in Lagos

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LAGOS—FOUR armed robbery suspects were Tuesday night shot dead by the police in Lagos in a fierce gun battle. The gun duel which reports said lasted for almost twenty minutes took place on the Mile Two bridge along the Oshodi\Apapa expressway.

The robbers numbering seven report said had earlier operated in Festac town where they snatched a Mitsubishi bus with registration number KE 198 KJA from its owner. They reportedly headed for Tin-can 1st gate at about 11pm where they also dispossessed unsuspecting motorists plying the route of their valuables including cash. Police sources said further that while the bandits were fleeing in their get away vehi-

cles, the bus developed a mechanical fault on top of the mile 2 bridge and they were pushing it when a team of anti- robbery squad led by the Divisional Police officer (DPO) Apapa, CSP Mohammed Ali arrived the scene.

On sighting the team, the bandits said to be armed with sophisticated weapons, opened fire on the police while the police responded. A gun battle soon ensued during which four of them were gunned down. But others escaped with their loot and bullet wounds.

The Area Commander ACP Femi Oyeleye who confirmed the incident said two locally made double barrel guns, four live cartridges, a barreta pistol and their operational Mitsubishi L300 bus which they abandoned in the heat of the cross fire were recovered".