

Police gun down four robbers in Onitsha

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Awka—Four armed robbery suspects were gunned down yesterday, in Onitsha, as they attempted to escape, after snatching two exotic cars and one bus in the very busy Upper Iweka area of the commercial city of Anambra State.

The robbery suspects, said to be in their late twenties, had in desparado style, according to eye witness accounts, barricaded the Onitsha- Owerri express Road, where they had a field day, robbing traders coming into Onitsha from different parts of the country in the wee hours of the morning.

The suspects held Upper Iweka hostage for about one hour shooting sporadically in the air while continuing with their robbery operation.

According to the sources, the youthful robbers, on sighting a police patron van, opened fire, shooting indiscriminately at the police, who bravely returned fire on them, forcing the robbers to flee when they could no longer withstand the superior fire power of the police.

One of the victims of the early morning robbery attack, was a driver with a new generation bank in Onitsha. The driver, was mercilessly beaten up by the robbers and locked in the trunk of the Toyota Corrolla van with registration number C Q 664 PP, in which he was going when he was caught by the robbers.

However, the robbers were not able to escape when the police, reinforced with the help of Onitsha Vigilante, pursued them up to Awka road, where they ran into a traffic jam, meeting a dead end having also run out of ammunition. One of the robbery suspects was shot dead during the exchange of fire with the police, while three

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escaped but were later arrested by the police at different locations in the city.

The three vehicles that were recovered from them, include a Pathfinder Jeep with registration number CK 370 ENU, one Toyota Corolla with registration number CQ 664 APP and one unnumbered Nissan bus.