

# Police kill two suspected robbers in Lagos

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**L**AGOS—TWO suspected members of different robbery gangs, weekend, met their waterloo as they were killed in separate gun battle with policemen along the Oshodi\Apapa expressway and Okota areas of Lagos.

The first incident reportedly occurred at Apple junction in Okota, Friday midnight, when a six-man robbery gang stationed their operational vehicle, a Mercedes Benz at the middle of the road, to give other road users the impression that it had developed a fault. Two of them were reportedly by the vehicle while others remained in strategic positions, in readiness for any motorist that attempted to render help.

Driver of a Jeep car was said to be their first target after he slowed down to ask if he could be of any help. In response, four members of the gang reportedly ran out of their hiding places, brandishing their weapons to the bewilderment of the driver who reportedly pleaded that his life be spared.

The robbers' gun shots was

said to have scared other road users who immediately made u-turn and escaped for dear life.

While they were still operating, report said a team of policemen from three divisions under area 'E' stormed the scene and engaged the robbers in a gun battle which resulted in the death of one of them(robber), while another who was reportedly hit by the police bullet was dragged into the robbers operational vehicle as they fled the scene.

About the same time, another gun battle between the police and a five-man-robbery gang was going on at Toyota bus-stop along the Apapa\Oshodi expressway, which also resulted in the death of one of the robbers said to be the gang leader.

The robbery gang according to two of its arrested members was on its way to attack a bank in Ajegunle area of Lagos, when luck ran against it.

Confirming both incidents, the Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr Olubode Ojajuni said an AK 47 rifle and 30 rounds of live ammunition were recovered at the scene of the second robbery, including the gang's operational bus with registration number HL 420 AAN.