

Police kill two robbers in gun duel

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ENUGU —TWO armed robbers who attempted to dispossess travelers along Enugu-Onitsha expressway yesterday were shot dead by men of Enugu State Police Command following a gun battle.

Vanguard learnt that the armed bandits had boarded an Enugu commuter bus from Onitsha in Anambra State with the intention of robbing innocent passengers along the highway.

According to an eyewitness account, when the driver of the bus came to a point at Oji River area of Enugu State, the two young men who were armed with revolver pistols, pointed the gun at the passengers and ordered the driver to veer into the bush to enable them carry out their nefarious activity.

But the brave driver refused to comply as he was said to have continued the journey amidst panic that had gripped the passengers, who were ordered to face down while on their seats. Luck, however, ran out of the robbers when the driver ran into a crack anti-robbery squad operating directly under the office of the State Police Commissioner, Mr. Bashiru Azeez within Oji River axis of the expressway.

The State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Mike Abattam, who confirmed the report said that the two robbers had on sighting the policemen confronted them shooting indiscriminately at their direction while trying to escape.