

Police kill car snatcher, recover arms

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LAGOS—THE police weekend engaged a gang of armed robbers that specialized in car snatching killing one of them. The police said it also recovered 2 AK 47 assault rifles with 60 rounds of ammunition. The incident was said had taken place on Mile 2 bridge along the Oshodi- Apapa expressway. According to sources, a Muslim sheik names (withheld) was returning home after he gave his daughter in marriage and was met by the gang who drove in Toyota starlet with registration number KL 57 KJA. The hoodlums reportedly zoomed off with the car.

However, luck ran against them after a team of anti-robbery squad attached to Rapid Respond Squad (RRS) 020 led By Inspector Anthony Okpaiwa was alerted and they gave the armed gang a hot chase. They were met at Coconut area along the Apapa- Oshodi expressway and a gun battle ensued. During the cross fire, one of the robbers who drove the snatched vehicle was gunned down while others escaped with bullet wounds. The Toyota land cruiser was recovered with arms and ammunition inside.

Lagos State Police public relations officer, Mr. Frank Mba confirmed the incident adding that the body of the armed robber had been deposited in the public mortuary. He also said the police were on the trail of fleeing gang assuring that they would soon be rounded up.