

Police gun down suspected armed robber, arrest one

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LAGOS—THE Police weekend in Lagos gunned down one suspected armed robber and arrested another with arms and ammunition in a separate encounter.

Police sources said the killing of the armed robber occurred along Tin Can Island, Apapa after a gang of two armed men were intercepted by a team of anti-robbery men led by the Divisional Police Officer (DPO), Mr. Mohammed Ali who engaged them in a shoot-out.

The other incident happened at about 12.30pm when some hoodlums who operated on a motorbike popularly called *Okada* were about rubbing unsuspecting persons of their valuables. But a prompt distress call put to the police saved the situation as a fully armed anti-robbery squad stormed the area and engaged the

robbers in a shoot-out.

At the end of the cross fire, one of them was shot dead while the other escaped with bullet wounds. When the dead armed robber was searched, one locally made pistol and three live cartridges including the motorcycle were recovered.

In a related development, men of the anti-robbery squad attached to Victoria Island Division while on a patrol of the Bar beach on Ahmadu Bello way Victoria Island weekend also rounded up a middle-aged man identified as Sule George whose address and identities the police is yet to ascertain while attempting to bury a gun in the sand.

Time was 5.30pm. He was promptly arrested and upon interrogation confessed that he was burying the gun with some live cartridges with a view to rubbing people who comes to relax for the weekend.