

LAGOS

Police kill 3 robbery suspects

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LAGOS — THREE suspected armed robbers, weekend, met their waterloo in Lagos after a gun duel with men of the anti-robbery squad from the Lion Building Division, Lagos. The robbers, numbering about seven, were said to have lodged at a guest house along Nnamdi Azikiwe Street.

According to sources, when the anti-robbery team stormed the hotel, the armed men, according to reports, got wind of police presence, and were ready for battle.

The reportedly released several shots to alert the police while the police responded according. During the ensuing cross-fire, the hoodlums succumbed to the superior fire power of the police and took to their heels. But three of them were not so lucky as they were shot dead. Others escaped with bullet wounds.

When their rooms were searched, the police recovered two single and one double barrel short guns, one locally made revolver pistol and, 12 live cartridges.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Frank Mba, who confirmed the encounter, said the corpses had since been deposited in the public mortuary, adding that the State Criminal Investigation Department (SCID) Panti, Yaba is investigating.

In a related development, the police also arrested a suspected car snatcher identified as Kehinde Saliu. He was arrested by policemen from Shasha police station who acted on a tip-off.

A Volkswagen bus, with number plate XG475 MUS, which was earlier reported missing was recovered from him. The suspect, police sources said, had made useful statement that is helping the police in their investigation.