

## Police kill robbery suspect

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**L**AGOS — THERE was pandemonium yesterday at Iyana-Itire, along the Oshodi-Apapa expressway, Lagos, after a four-man robbery gang engaged a team of policemen in a gun duel that lasted about 20 minutes.

However, at the end of the gun duel, which sent both commuters and road side hawkers scampering for safety, a suspected member of the robbery gang laid dead.

Report said the robbers were at the verge of snatching a vehicle from a motorist. Time was 2.45pm. Resistance from the motorist almost caused him his life as the robbers reportedly fired several shots, threatening to kill him.

But the swift arrival of a police patrol team to the scene, saved the situation. Sighting the policemen, the robbers reportedly opened fire, causing motorists plying the route to make u-turn to avoid being hit by stray bullets.

The state police spokesman ~~Mr~~ Mr Frank Mba, confirming the story said one Barretta pistol with two live rounds was recovered from the dead suspect, whose body had been deposited at the mortuary.