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## Police kill robbery suspect in shoot-out

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**LAGOS**—A member of a six-man robbery gang met his Waterloo, when he was shot dead during exchange of fire with anti-robbery policemen in Maryland area of Lagos State.

The robbers, as gathered, stormed Aminu Street in three motorcycles, where they attempted to carry out a house-to-house operation.

They were said to have robbed residents of number 18 of cash, phones and other valuables and were at the verge of striking at the next building when anti-riot policemen from Anthony swooped on them, thereby leading to a gun duel.

According to Lagos State Police Public Relations Officer, Mr. Frank Mba, an automatic pistol with seven rounds of live ammunition, was recovered at the end of the exchange of gun fire.

One of their operational motorcycles, he added, was also abandoned by the robbers, adding that efforts were still on to arrest the other members of the gang.

Meanwhile, an unidentified man was Sunday night crushed

by a vehicle along the Oshodi/Apapa expressway. The deceased was said to have been crossing the road when a fast moving vehicle with an unknown registration number ran over him, at Five star bus-stop.

Efforts by sympathizers to rush the man to the nearest hospital failed as he reportedly breathed his last before help could come.

His remains according to Mba , had been deposited at the mortuary.

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I am always suspicious of police fight with criminals and I wonder if the Nigerian Police had ever been trained on Community Policing and how to address and disarm criminals with deadly weapons ? If they were, why don't they use the method, and when would they start using it ?

The world is in a motion and criminals especially organized Criminals are becoming very sofiscated. What would happen in a situation where a criminal is strapped with bomb and endering other members of the public, would the police prefer to blow everything off and the hell decent on earth ? May be the police should device alternative device than slaughter since many criminal elements atimes are people who are mentally drainged or psychologically imbalanced. let's reduce the rate of blood violence of kill and kill. How many police officers have been given medals for killing anyone ? Community policing does not warrant emptying a gun magazine on a mentally disturbed citizen in presence of school children and elderly parents. Killing anyone is not an entertainment. Ofcourse the criminals are dangerous, but you don't eat their meat when you kill them. take them alive if you can is better.

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