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One killed as robbers battle Police in Ogun

ABEOKUTA — OPERATIVES of the Ogun State Police Command of the Nigeria Police have shot dead an armed robbery suspect while others escaped with gunshot injuries following a gun battle with the suspected armed robbers.

The command's spokesman, Abimbola Oyeyemi, in a statement in Abeokuta, the state capital, said this followed a distress call received by police at Ikenne divisional headquarters at about 5 00 am. that a group of

armed robbers had blocked road along Olabiro street in Ikenne and dispossessing people of their valuables at gun point.

The statement read, "Upon the distress call, the DPO Ikenne division, CSP Noukauba Onuma quickly mobilised his patrol team and moved to the scene, on sighting the policemen, the hoodlums engaged them in gun battle which lasted for about 30 minutes at the end of which one

of the hoodlums was shot dead while others escaped with various degrees of gunshot injuries.

"Items recovered from the dead robber included one cut to size locally made gun, one live cartridge and one expended cartridge", the statement added.

Meanwhile, the State Commissioner of police, Edward Awolowo Ajogun praised his men for their display of gallantry.

He said, this should be a warning signal to any would be criminals who are deluding themselves that police are not working to have a rethink as the command will go to any length in protecting the good people of Ogun Sstate.

He also directed that the fleeing members of the gang be hunted for and brought to justice within the shortest possible time.