

Rivers police smash robbery gang, kill 4

CHINEDU WOSU, Port Harcourt

POLICE in Port Harcourt, rivers State have gunned down four members of a notorious armed robbery gang, who specialise in terrorizing and inflicting injuries on residents of the city.

The robbers who belong to a 15-man gang met their Waterloo yesterday morning when they were busy robbing motorists and passersby in different areas of Diobu of the city before they were felled by police bullets.

The robbers had earlier engaged the police in a shootout although no casualty was recorded on the police side.

Confirming the incident, the

Divisional Police Officer (DPO) of Mile one Divisional Police, Mr Emmanuel Asuji, a Superintendent of Police (SP), said he was alerted of the robbery at 3.00 am and he immediately dispatched his men to the scene, Urualla area, where the robbers engaged his men in a gun battle.

Asuji further disclosed that his men foiled another attempt to rob residents of Wokoma and Ojoto streets, by robbers numbering over 15.

He identified one of the dead robbers as Ngozi, noting that he tried to show supremacy as he had a charm tied around his waist.

The Mile One divisional police where corpses of the robbers

were displayed virtually became a tourist centre as market women and school children abandoned their business to catch a glimpse of the dead robbers.

Contacted, Police Public Relations Officers Mrs. Ireju Barasua DSP while confirming the killings, described the robbers as notorious.

She lauded the police for tracking down the robbers whom she said has been terrorizing the city of Port Harcourt, maiming and raping their victims.

The PPRO called on residents of the city to always report crimes and criminalities to the command for possible arrest and prosecution.