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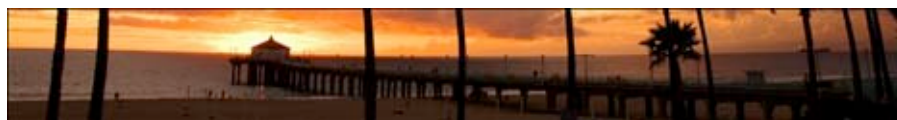
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Godwin Akor

15 July 2011

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Makurdi — Men of the Benue state special patrol team known as Operation Zenda have gunned down one of the armed robbery suspects that used to terrorize motorists along Ushongo-Adikpo road.

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Displaying the body of the suspect before newsmen, the Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), Mr Alaribe Ejike, said four armed robbers had diverted a J5 bus and its passengers into the bush along Ushongo-Adikpo road in order to rob them when information reached the patrol team.

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Ejike said the patrol team immediately rushed to the area where the robbers opened fire on sighting them and a gun dwell that lasted for over 30 minutes ensued.

The PPRO said during the exchange of fire, one of the robbers who wore army colour bullet proof was gunned down while the rest escaped into the bush with gunshot

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wounds.

Ejike said the robbers had on them one Kalashnikov rifle, two English Berretta pistols and one smoke gunner during the gun dwell and added that the following items were recovered at the end of the day: three different plate numbers, eight rounds of FNC rifle live ammunition, eight cartridges, one unregistered Toyota Corolla car, one Hyundria car, one military bullet proof, one knife and one Berretta Pistol.

While disclosing that the incident took place at about 9.30 am on Tuesday, Ejike appealed to hospitals to promptly inform the police about patients suspected to have been shot as a result of the incident.

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