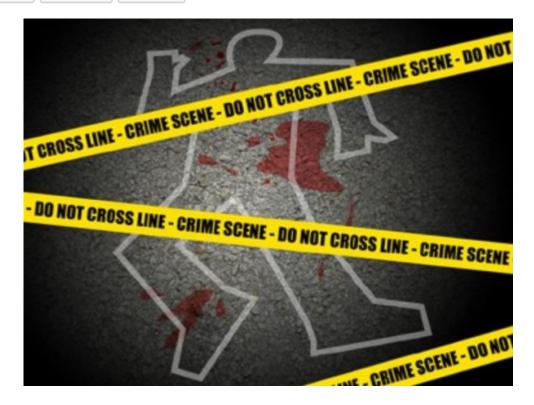
Suspected killer of Okowa's aide killed in gun duel with police

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The police in Delta State yesterday said a wanted notorious gang leader, who killed one Lawrence Akpomiemie Ngozi Ijieh, former Special Assistant to the Governor of Delta State, was gunned down during an exchange with operatives of the command.

ljieh was killed in February, 2019 shortly before the 2019 general election.

The police in a statement on Wednesday said the deceased kingpin, Ekugbe Kingsley, 27, of Uwaise in Udu LGA, was the gang leader of a notorious group involved in killing, kidnapping and robbing people of their belongings in Effurun-Warri axis of the state.

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The statement signed by the command's spokesperson, DSP Onome Onovwakpoyeya stated that "through credible information and intelligence gathering, Kingsley was trailed by the Anti-Kidnapping Unit of the Command to his hideout in Ubeji.

"On sighting the Police, the suspect opened fire and the police responded with superior fire power. In the ensuing gun battle, the suspect sustained gunshot wound.

"He was pursued, arrested and rushed to the Police Clinic, Warri, where he was confirmed dead. One locally made pistol with three live cartridges were recovered from him."

The statement further stated that "The deceased was believed to be responsible for several killings, which included: the murders of one Obus Sophrum 'm' killed at Igbiki in Udu LGA on 29/08/2019, one Lawrence Akpomiemie Ngozi Ijieh 'm' former Special Assistant to the Governor of Delta State killed in the month of February, 2019 shortly before the 2019 general election and one Oghene killed at Iyara, Warri on 17/09/2019."

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