

# Police kill robbery gang leader in gun battle in Edo

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Operatives of the Edo State Police Command yesterday gunned down one Fidelis Ekata, the leader of an armed robbery gang at Uromi, Edo State, during a gun battle.

It was gathered that the

deceased, who is also a known cult leader and an escapee from the Benin Correctional Centre during the #endSARS protest in Edo, had been on the wanted list of the police.

The command's spokesman, Kontongs Bello, who confirmed the incident, said he died as a result of

bullet wounds he sustained in a shootout with the police.

He said the police received information that the deceased, a notorious armed robber/cultist was sighted somewhere in Uromi town in company of his other gang members.

The PPRO said the police

deployed operatives to the location but that, "on sighting them, the gang opened fire, adding that in the ensuing gun duel, one Fidelis Ekata who is the leader of the armed robbers/cultists sustained gunshot injuries while other gang members escaped with gunshot injuries."

He said he was taken to the General Hospital, Uromi but was confirmed dead by a doctor.

He said effort is on to ensure the arrest of the fleeing gang members, adding that one cut to size gun and one live cartridge were recovered from the deceased.