

3 suspected robbers gunned down in Benue

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The police in Benue State have shot three suspected armed robbers in Afia community of Ukum Local Government Area in the state.

Spokeswoman of the command, SP Catherine Anene, made this known on Monday in a statement made available to journalists in Makurdi.

She said the robbers died from bullet injuries inflicted on them during an encounter with the police on Friday at about 2:30am.

"On the 14/10/2022 at about 0230hrs, a distress call was received from Afia, Ukum Local Government Area that armed robbers were robbing within the area.

"A patrol team was deployed to the area swiftly. On reaching the scene, the robbers engaged the police in a gun duel.

"Three of the suspects sustained gunshot injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital where they were confirmed dead while other suspects escaped with wounds," she stated.

The police spokeswoman listed items recovered from the suspects to include one locally made pistol loaded with five rounds of live ammunition, a machete and some items suspected to be charms.

She added that efforts were on to apprehend the fleeing members of the gang.

Anene further said the Commissioner of Police, CP Wale Abass, has commended members of the community for assisting the police in the operation and assured them of quick response to distress calls.