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Police kill two suspected robbers, recover N4.1m in Anambra

From Uzoma Nzeagwu, Awka

SECURITY operatives from the Anambra State Police Command, at the weekend, killed two suspected armed robbers and recovered N4.1 million from the bandits. One of the robbers managed to escape with severe bullet injuries.

The State Commissioner of Police, Mr. Uzor Amakulor, linked the robbers to a 20-man robbery gang believed to have been terrorising Enugu and Anambra States. He said that the suspected robbers were killed during a shoot-out with men of the state Anti-Robbery Squad (SARS).

Amakulor also disclosed that the gang was involved in the operation last Friday, which resulted in the death of the divisional police officer and the burning down of a police station at Nsukka police station, Enugu State.

He said the gangsters had dropped their loot and escaped arrest after a two-hour fierce gun battle with the police before the loot was recovered. He added that N4,141,158, two white Hilux Pick-up vans, one Mitsubishi L.300 bus with an inscription "Igbo-Etiti LGA" and a Peugeot 406 car with registration number DB 652 ENU were recovered from them.

He said other items recovered from the robbers included one AK 47 rifle and one pump action rifle, one rocket launcher, a mobile police uniform bearing Adamu Yakubu with Force No. 404313, Army camouflaged trousers, one riot gunner, two local assault rifles (LAR) ammunition, 375 rounds of 6.75 mm (Brownie), 25 empty AK 47 magazines and 28 loaded AK 47 magazines.

Parading the deceased robbers and recovered items yesterday afternoon at the state SARS headquarters,

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Amakulor noted that the robbers were escaping after a raid at Nsukka.

They were trying to escape through the Uzo-Uwani boundary in Enugu State to Omor in Ayamelum Council of Anambra State but the state police command had a tip-off and engaged them in a fierce gun duel during which the two were shot dead instantly. He said one in military camouflaged trousers was arrested with bullet wounds.

Flanked at the parade by the state Deputy Commissioner of Police, Mr. Oshodi Glover; the Assistant Commissioner of Police in charge of the state Criminal Investigations Department (CID), Mr. Chris Ezike; the Officer In charge (OC) of SARS, Sir Felix Kigigha (CSP); the Divisional Police Officer at Ogidi, Mr. Rowland Omatoje (CSP), among superior police officers in the state, the commissioner assured that his men were trailing the fleeing suspects and would arrest them as soon as possible.

He also advised criminals to leave Anambra State, warning that any criminal operating in this state must be surely caught.

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