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Ebonyi State Police Command yesterday said it has foiled a robbery attempt by a six-man gang, which resulted in the killing of two of the suspected robbers by the police.

The robbers, The Guardian learnt, who were operating with a Vento volkswagen car, had blocked Afikpo-Okigwe highway, Akaeze/Edda Bridge in a bid to rob road users.

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The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP George Okafor said the Command on Monday got a tip-off that a six-man armed robbery gang was operating with a Vento volkswagen car, having blocked Afikpo-Okigwe highway, Akaeze/Edda Bridge around 8:00p.m.

He said that their men led by DPO Ivo quickly moved to the scene and engaged them in gun battle and two of the suspects were gunned down.

He added that the other gang members, who escaped, later abandoned their car and snatched a Toyota Bus to make good their escape. His words "On 10/10/2016 about 16hrs Ebonyi state police command received information that six man armed robbers gang operating with a vento volkswagen car blocked Afikpo-Okigwe highway, Akaeze/Edda Bridge in a bid to rob road users..."

"A team of policemen led by DPO Ivo quickly moved to the scene where O/C Akaeze police station was already engaging them in gun battle. The gang ran off with their car and during hot chase by the police abandoned the car and snatched a Toyota Bus to make good their escape".

"In the ensuring exchange of gun fire, two of the robbers were gunned down, the rest four escaped through Aninri/Agwu axis of Enugu State with bullet injuries"

"One AK47 rifle, five magazines and twenty rounds of live ammunition were recovered from them".

"A combined team of Special Armed Robbery Sword S ARs and Anti Kidnapping AK from the state command are on serious manhunt of the rest of the gang".

"The command is soliciting from the public that any person seen with bullet injuries should be reported to the police immediately while reassuring law abiding citizens

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of their safety within the nooks and crannies of Ebonyi State".

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