

Police Crush Five-man Robbery Gang In Niger

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The new police commissioner in Niger State, Mr. Oliver Osuchukwu, has recorded a successful outing in his resolve to make Niger State and its environs a no-go area for criminals by the killing of five armed robbers during exchange of gun battle with his men at Borgu local government council.

The encounter which took place at a forest reserve along Wawa-Luma road in Borgu local government area, Niger state led to the death on the spot of the five

men of between ages of, 18 and 30 years as they made attempts to escape on sighting police patrol team advancing from the opposite direction.

Briefing journalists shortly after displaying the bodies of the criminals at the command headquarters along Dutsen-Kura-Gwari area in Minna on Tuesday, the commissioner also announced the arrest of five other armed robbery suspects from different locations in the state.

The ill-fated armed robbers according to the commissioner who opened fire and killed instantly a popular business woman in the

commercial bus on which they were traveling on had laid ambush on a group of market women who were on their way to do businesses at the Luma market on a market day when the incident happened.

Prompt response from the police patrol team based on information at their disposal, Mr. Oliver said led to the rescue of the remaining traders from losing monies and other valuables as they came face-to-face with the five-man gang who took to their heels into the a nearby bush path on sighting the police vehicle.