

Police Battle Robbers In Sapele, Kill One

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The police in Sapele, headquarters of Sapele Local Government Area of Delta State, have declared wanted, a group of injured armed bandits who escaped into the bush during a shoot-out at Ireto area of the town last week.

According to a police source, the hoodlums had it rough with the police, who met them robbing and molesting their victims.

The gun duel left one of the

bandits dead and several others injured.

Mr. Ita Selong, the Sapele Police Divisional Officer, who confirmed the incident, said the police swung into action following a distress call from one of the victims that his home was being attacked by hoodlums.

He noted that on approaching the scene of the robbery, the robbers opened fire on the patrol team and the team responded.

According to him, the hoodlums who could not stand

the superior firepower of the police fled, leaving behind their loot and one of them severely injured.

Selong, who displayed the dead robber, said the deceased was confirmed dead at the Sapele Central Hospital where he was initially rushed to for treatment.

The Sapele Police boss, however, called the residents of Sapele, especially doctors and traditional healers to report any one with bullet wounds to the police, explaining that his men

were still-hunting for the rest members of the gang.

He also appealed to the general public to pass useful information to the police to enable them perform their responsibilities, pointing out that foot patrol at night has increased to effectively cover the area.

Items recovered from the hoodlums according to him, include a cut-to-size short gun, a GSM handset that the victims identified as theirs, charms and three live and expected cartridges.