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## Police kill robbery gang leader in Edo

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A robbery kingpin who was described as a notorious criminal and co-ordinator of a robbery gang, nicknamed “Agada” was reportedly killed during an exchange of gunfire with men of the Edo State Police Command.

This was contained in a press release signed on behalf of the Edo State Commissioner of Police, Foluso Adebaj, by the Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Noble Uwoh, who gave the name of the dead suspected armed robber as Samson Ahigbe.

Giving an account of how the alleged robber died, Uwoh said he died on the way to hospital for treatment after sustaining bullet wound in a bid to resist arrest for a reported criminal act.

The PPRO said: “On 17/08/2014, one Mr. Eze reported that some group of boys robbed him and his girlfriend of their phones, cash and other valuables at Kingsquare, Benin City. A team of investigators was immediately detailed to investigate the case.”

“On 23/08/2014, one of the robbers, Israel Moses, was apprehended while trying to unlock one of the stolen phones at Oba Market. The suspect confessed to the

crime and named six other members of his gang and they were rounded up at their hideouts.


“However, two of the suspects sustained various degrees of bullet wounds as they confronted the police with their arms when trying to evade arrest.”

“The gang leader, Stanley Efosa, sustained bullet wound and he is receiving treatment while the gang coordinator, Samson Ahigbe, aka Agada, a notorious criminal, died on his way to the hospital.”

“Items recovered from them include one locally made pistol, one cut to size single barrel gun, 14 live cartridges, nine mobile phones, one gulf car with registration number: AY 542 BEN and N45, and 450.00 cash,” he stated.

The Police command also announced the successful smashing of a gang of notorious car snatchers in the state, who allegedly snatched an Audi car with registration BEN 945 MF from one Mr. Okoro after three of the robbers, had successfully drugged the victim with valium five and ten as passengers of the stolen car.

“Through covert intelligence, the operatives of the command traced the suspects to their hideout at 3-3 in Onitsha, Anambra State, where the three suspects: Christopher Awaji, Oforma Chukwuma and Uzioko Ugochi, a female, were arrested and the stolen car recovered,” he stated.

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