

# Police Gun Down Robbery Suspect In Shoot-Out With Gang Members, Four Arrested

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A robbery suspect was gunned down in Enugu when his gang members engaged Police operatives in a shoot-out at their hideout.

This is just as the Enugu Police Command has also arrested four suspects in connection with criminal offences in the state such as armed robbery, unlawful possession of firearms, burglary, stealing and cultism.

Daniel Ndukwe, the Police Public Relations Officer of the command, disclosed this in a statement he made available to journalists in Enugu on Thursday.

He said, "Following the

operational strategies put in place by the Commissioner of Police, Enugu State Command, CP Mohammed Ndatsu Aliyu, to combat acts of crime and criminality in the state, operatives of the command have successfully arrested four male criminal suspects.

"Their arrest led to the recovery of their firearms with nine live cartridges and stolen items."

He said that on March 29, 2021, operatives attached to No. 3-PMF Enugu, while on routine patrol duty in Nsude-Udi area of Enugu/Awka Road, intercepted and arrested one Chinobi Nwalam, 25, of No. 6, Jerome Street, Abakpa-Nike Enugu, in a Toyota Hiace commuter bus and recovered one locally-made double-barrel pistol with two live cartridges.

"The suspect, who was handed over to 9th Mile Police Division for further investigation, confessed to being a member of an armed robbery gang and led Police operatives attached to the division to their criminal hideout in Udi Town.

"The criminal suspects on sighting the operatives engaged them in a gun duel, which resulted in one of the suspects sustaining gunshot injuries and later confirmed dead in the hospital, while the others escaped.

"One locally-made cut-to-size gun with seven live cartridges and three different makes of mobile phones were further recovered," he stated.

Meanwhile, Police operatives attached to the Command's Anti-Cult Squad, Nsukka Unit, on March 25, 2021 also arrested one Nwa-

chukwu Emeka, 32, of No. 7, Amagwu Umuachurno Street, Nsukka, alleged to be a member of Vikings Confraternity cult group, a deadly criminal gang operating within Nsukka and its environs.

Police said preliminary investigation showed that the suspect confessed to being a member of the said cult group and criminal gang, while one locally-made cut-to-size gun was recovered from him.

He said all the suspects would be charged to court on conclusion of investigations.

The CP in the statement commended the efforts of the operatives and charged them to sustain the tempo.

He also reaffirmed the command's commitment to rid the state of unrepentant criminal elements and their activities.