

Police Arrest Two Suspected Attackers On Police Facilities, Recover Arms, Charms

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Ebonyi State Police Command has said it has nabbed two suspected masterminds of the attacks on police facilities in Onicha Local Government Area of the state.

The Police said the leader of the gang popularly known as blood who sustained bullet wound during an exchange of gunfire with police operatives was confirmed dead after he was rushed to the Alex Akwueme Federal Teaching Hospital, Abakaliki, for medical attention.

A statement signed by the Command's spokesman, DSP Loveth Odah, on Monday, said the breakthrough, was sequel to the intelligence report

of movement of arms and ammunition and the report of armed robbers terrorizing Isu, Onicha LGA, which led to the arrest of One Eluu Ekpehu Emmanuel who made useful statement to the police.

She added that the arrested suspect, Eluu Ekpehu Emmanuel, "led Police Operatives to the house of their gang leader popularly known as "Blood" and other names unknown who were alleged to have been terrorizing the area and the masterminds of the various attacks on three Police Divisional Headquarters in the area, namely Onicha, Abao-mege and Ohaozara.

"Blood and his cohorts on sighting the Police, opened fire on the operatives who gallantly fought back, in the process 'Blood' was apprehended with gunshot injuries

while others escaped into the nearby bush with bullet wounds.

"The wounded suspect was immediately rushed to AE-Federal Teaching Hospital (AE-FETHA) Abakaliki for medical treatment, where he later gave up the ghost.

"The corpse was deposited at the same hospital mortuary for preservation.

"The gang are responsible for the attacks on government facilities and the killing of security agents in the State," she explained.

The Police spokesman listed the items recovered from the suspects to include one double barrel English gun, with eleven live cartridges; one locally made single Ogun; one riot police smoke gunner stolen from Ohaozara Police Divisional Headquar-

ters when the division was attacked on the 6th May, 2021.

others are three police batons, one hand grenade, one canister of teargas, two police belts, two police radio communication handset with chargers, all stolen from Onicha Divisional Headquarters which was also attacked and set ablaze on 4th February, 2021.

She added that four Bifra flags and one juju box were also recovered from the suspects.

The statement added that the Commissioner of Police of the State, CP Aliyu Garba, had reaffirmed his resolve to rid the state of criminal elements and frustrate their activities. There had been several attacks on police facilities in parts of Ebonyi State, including Onicha LGA of the State.