

JTF Kills wRobbery Suspect In Delta

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A combined team of operatives of the Joint Military Taskforce (JTF) and the Igbudu Community Vigilante Group at the weekend shot and killed a suspected armed robber around Igbudu in Warri South local government of Delta State.

The robbers were said to have been taken unaware as the security operatives swooped on them at Igbudu Market when they were trying to carry out an operation and opened

fire on them.

Sources told LEADERSHIP that a four man robbery gang had on a fateful day visited the market area in a Volkswagen Jetta car painted in the Delta taxi colour and the shot robber and the other three members of the gang were about to rob a woman who was carrying a big bag at gun point when the JTF operatives moved in and shot him at close range.

The shot robber was said to have died at the spot while the other members of the gang took to their heels and abandoned the

car.

Police spokesperson in the state, DSP Celestina Kalu said the JTF recovered a locally made pistol and some cartridges on the dead robber, adding that efforts were being made to track down other fleeing members of the gang.

Meanwhile, residents who spoke with LEADERSHIP on the condition of anonymity expressed relief that the killing would deter other members of the gang from terrorising the ever busy Igbudu market.