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## ROBBERY: Police Arrest 16 Suspects, Kill 3 Others In Delta

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Ahead of the this Saturday's elections, the police in Asaba Delta State arrested 16 robbery suspects and killed three others yesterday morning in Ozoro in Ogwashi-Uku.

DSP Celestina Kalu, police public relations officer in the state, confirmed that men of the anti-robbery patrol team, acted on a tip-off to the comb area, adding that during the operation, the suspects were arrested. The three that died were those that attempted to escape.

DSP Kalu said that the suspects are currently helping the police in their investigation, and that they will be charged to court afterwards.

It was reliably gathered that there

have been frequent robbery cases in Ozoro and Ogwashi-Uku Communities in the last two weeks, a situation that has caused its residents sleepless nights.

But some residents who spoke to our correspondent on condition of anonymity said the frequent robbery cases may have been caused by the increasing rate of cultism in the areas.

Various cult groups, ranging from Eiye and Ake confraternities are said to have taken over the communities, especially at nightfall during which they shoot sporadically into the air to scare residents.

Speaking further, DSP Kalu said the police will do everything possible to eradicate those she described as miscreants from the areas.

## ACCIDENT: Train Kills Man With Earphone In Ears