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## **Killed: 2 Suspected Robbers Die In Gun Battle**

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Police detectives attached to the anti-robbery squad at the Area Police Command Warri, Delta State at the weekend killed two suspected armed robbery kingpins during a shootout.

It was reliably gathered that the hoodlums were moving in a convoy of three cars, apparently in an attempt to carry out armed robbery attacks on innocent residents of Warri metropolis at different locations before nemesis caught up with them.

Police Public Relations Officer in the state, Mrs. Celestina Kalu, who confirmed the death of the suspects, disclosed that the police detectives attached to the area commander's office in Warri, while on routine duty along Erejuwa road, sighted the suspects in black Toyota Lander Cruiser jeep, a Toyota Avalon and other cars moving in the convoy.

She said that the police immediately suspected the movement of the hoodlums and gave them a hot chase to the cemetery road in Warri where the suspects on sighting them engaged them in a gun battle in which two of the suspected robbers were killed on the spot while two were arrested and others escaped with serious bullet wounds.

Mrs. Kalu said that the injured suspects were being treated in an undisclosed hospital to enable the police get further information about their activities, disclosing that items recovered from the suspects include two vehicles, three handsets, two identity cards, two cut-to-size guns, 10 live bullets and five expended ones.

She said that investigation was ongoing while the police was on red alert to arrest the fleeing suspects.

Meanwhile, the Ozoro Progressive Union, Isoko North Local Government area of the state, determined to tackle the high rate of crime in the area, has mapped out strategies to clamp down on miscreants terrorizing the community especially at night.

On the heel of this development, the president of the union, Engr. Clifford Anakpoha, has enjoined the people of the community to be watchful, saying that the protection of lifes and property had become imperative considering the spate of robbery activities in the community in recent times.

Investigation revealed that Ozoro community and its environs have been under siege of hoodlums including suspected cultists, leaving its residents to sleep with their two eyes open.

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