

Soldiers kill suspected robber at shopping complex

AN armed robbery suspect was shot dead and another arrested yesterday in Yenagoa, the Bayelsa State capital by soldiers on patrol, the police said.

Police spokesman Ibokette Iniobong, confirmed the incident. He said the body and a member of his gang were at the 'A' Division police station in Yenagoa.

Three young men had gone to a shopping plaza to rob a female worker of

the plaza, who gave her name as Amaka. She narrated how the suspects posed as shoppers when they arrived at the complex and later pulled guns to threaten the people.

She said the suspects had ordered everyone to lie down before collecting handsets from their victims.

Amaka informed that she was able to call an acquaintance before losing her telephone to the sus-

pects.

She said it was the acquaintance, who invited the soldiers nearby to the complex on a rescue mission.

The soldiers allegedly shot and killed one of the suspects, allegedly carrying two guns, while he was trying to escape.

The soldiers were joined by policemen, who arrested the second suspect in a nearby swamp.

The remains of the dead

and the second suspect were sighted yesterday before at the scene of the incident before soldiers and policemen cordoned off the area.

Items recovered from the suspects include one machine gun, a locally-made shotgun, one cartridge and four mobile telephone handsets.

A police source said the arrested suspect had a case of unlawful possession of firearms before he escaped from detention.