

# Police kill armed robber, arrest one

From Iniobong Ekponta,  
Uyo

**T**HE Akwa Ibom State police command yesterday busted a four-man robbery gang that specialised in cross-border operations.

The police confronted the robbers who were heading for Calabar, Cross River State along Urua Road, Uyo. The bandits were driving in a stolen Toyota car.

In the encounter, one of the robbers was killed, one was arrested while two escaped.

*The Nation* gathered that the robbers were returning to their base in Calabar to dispose the stolen vehicle when a combined team of the army and the police, acting on a tip off, engaged them in a shoot out.

The suspect is telling the police at the Command Headquarters, Ikot Akpabia what he knew about other car-snatching cases in the state.

However, the suspect, Inyene Peter, has denied his involvement in the early morning incident. But the police said his dead colleague had given useful statement before he died.

Peter said he was on his way to Calabar when a car pulled up and the occupants, who demanded N500, offered to take him there.

His words: "I am not one of them. I was only standing on the road waiting to board a vehicle to Calabar when a car pulled up and offered to carry me with N500."

---