Four robbery suspects killed in Rivers

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Four robbery suspects have been killed by the police in Oyigbo, headquarters of Oyigbo Local Government of Rivers State.

Members of the gang had been terrorising residents of Oyigbo and its environs.

They were operating in an uncompleted building, off Umusoya-Agboncha Road.

Following a tip-off, the Divisional Police Officer (DPO) and teams of policemen cordoned off the building.

A gunbattle ensued. The suspects, including their suspected kingpin, Chukwuebuka Okorie of Umuozu Umuapu Isiala Ngwa in Abia State, were killed.

He was said to be an associate of the late Osisikankwu.

Police spokesman Ben Ugwuegbulam, who confirmed the incident yesterday, said the hoodlums were identified by their victims, including a prison wardress, who was kidnapped on November 7 and released two days later.

Four locally made pistols, four live and many expended cartridges,

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three iron cutters, eight knives, a pair of fake military camouflage trousers and cap and a Prisons Service beret were recovered.

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