

# Five suspected killers of ACP gunned down in Delta in duel with police

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FIVE suspected armed robbers were on Wednesday shot dead by a special police squad in Ughelli, the headquarters of Ughelli North council area of Delta state. The felled suspects, it was gathered, were part of a notorious armed criminals who are responsible for most of the robberies and kidnapping around the Ughelli axis of the state. The same gang was said to be behind the killing of ACP Usman Ndanbabo, the deceased Area Commander of the Ughelli police area command in the state, who was shot dead last Sunday.

Police sources told the Nation that the suspects were killed in a gun battle with the special squad, which was specifically dispatched under the command of the state's Commissioner of Police, Zanna Ibrahim, to bring sanity back to the Ughelli area, which had assumed an usual notoriety in recent times. According to a source, "The hoodlums were just armed robbers trying to snatch the ACP Ndanbobo's car. They shot him because he was trying to escape with the key of his car.

They were after the car so they decided to shoot him to access the key". Delta State Commissioner of Police, Zanna Ibrahim, confirmed yesterday that five of the suspected killers had been shot dead. "The suspects have complicity in most robbery attacks and kidnappings within Ughelli and environs including the attack that led to the death of the Area Commander, Ughelli, ACP Usman Ndanbabo and yet to be seen DSP German Emmanuel who was declared missing since September 2016", Ibrahim explained yesterday.

The Police Boss said the suspects had confessed that they shot the officer (Ndanbobo) because he took flight with the keys of his Toyota Camry car with registration number EKP 05 AAX, which they had targeted to snatch. One of the escapee robbers, Ratty, later abandoned the car, which has since been recovered by the police. “Serious operations are ongoing to arrest other fleeing members of the gang”, Ibrahim disclosed.