

police a shootout.

He listed a gun, 41 rap-

Herders kill four in Benue community attack

SUSPECTED herds-
men have shot and
killed four persons
in an attack on Yelwata
community in Guma coun-
cil area of Benue State.

The Nation gathered that
the four persons in their
teens were working on
their farm on Saturday
when the herdsmen at-
tacked them.

From Uja Emmanuel,
Makurdi

The unprovoked kill-
ings angered the youths
in the area who blocked
the Makurdi-Lafia High-
way with the bodies of the
four teenagers.

Attempt by the military,
police and other security
agencies to get the youths

off the road were rebuffed,
causing traffic gridlock on
the highway.

Chairman of Guma Lo-
cal Government Caleb
Abah said, "As we speak,
calm has been restored to
the area and we are al-
ready making arrange-
ments for the dead to be
buried," the council boss
said.

He acknowledged the ef-
forts of Governor Samuel
Ortom who quickly mobi-
lised some government
functionaries to the trou-
bled area to calm frayed
nerves which resulted in
the quick resolution of the
matter.

Police spokesperson
Catherine Anene did re-
turn calls to her phone.