Police kill armed robbery suspect

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IMO State Police Command has shot dead an unidentified armed robbery suspect at Federal Polytechnic Nekede Back-gate, Umudibia Autonomous community, Owerri West Local Government Area of the state.

The incident took place at about 0430am on Tuesday at Sokotext Lodge, along Amaeze Road, where the hoodlums went to rob their victims who were mainly students of the polytechnic.

In a statement yesterday, the police spokesman, Henry Okoye, said that the operatives of Nekede Police Divisional Headquarters swiftly mobilised to the scene when they received a distress call from the command's control room that robbery was ongoing at the lodge. "The hoodlums opened fire on sighting the operatives, but were overpowered by the superior fire power of the police who engaged them in a fierce gun duel that led to one of the armed robbery syndicate being neutralised and others escaping to the adjourning bush with various degrees of gunshot injuries."

He said that on searching the surroundings, one locally made pistol, a machete, one mask, criminal charms, four laptops, three power banks, an IPhone, three pairs of canvasses, two bags, clothes and beverages and a pair of slippers, were recovered