

Police kill six suspected robbers in Delta



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THE Ughelli Area Command of the Nigeria Police Force in Delta State has said it killed, last week, six suspected robbers in Ughelli, Ozoro and Abraka communities.

The suspected robbers were reportedly killed in gun battles with combined teams of policemen and vigilantes.

A female member of a suspected robbery gang was shot dead at Alagba-lyede, in Isoko South Local Government Area.

Valuables, suspected to have been stolen from their victims, were said to have been found in her handbag, besides a locally made gun.

The police said they arrested the suspected leader of the gang during a shootout with the police and vigilantes.

The suspected gang leader was said to have confessed to the possession of a cut-to-size double barrelled gun at his Ogborikoko home in Warri.

The suspect was said to have been taken to Asaba, the Delta State capital.

Ughelli Area Commander, Alali Smart Pedro, an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), addressed reporters at the weekend on the development.

He said an eyewitness affirmed that a gang of three robbers attacked a security man on his way to work.

The robbers were said to have stolen his gun and Simba motorcycle.

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The police chief said luck ran out on the robbers when they ran into a vigilance group and a police patrol team.

Also, the police in Abraka, Ethiope East Local Government Area, under Ughelli Area Command, have arrested a suspect, Erabor Oghenero, for alleged car snatching.

The police chief for the area, Erabor Oghenero, an Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP), said the suspect was arrested when he attempted to escape with a Toyota Camry he allegedly snatched at gun point.

The police said on May 9, his men intercepted a robbery gang behind a first generation bank on Isoko Road in Ughelli as they were robbing.

On sighting the police and the vigilantes, it was learnt, the gang members allegedly opened fire on the law enforcement team.

Three of the suspected robbers were reportedly killed in a gun battle while the others "escaped with bullet wounds".

Oghenero said two other robbery suspects were killed at Afiesere, Ughelli North Local Government Area, during a routine patrol in Ughelli.

He said others escaped with bullet wounds.

The police chief said his men killed seven suspected robbers in the last week