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Kidnap kingpin who killed 2 policemen nabbed, dies in shoot-out in Abia

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A notorious armed robbery/kidnap kingpin, Samuel Kalu alias 'Obere', whose gang members attacked police operatives in Abia State Police Command during moves to arrest them, has been felled in crossfire between the two sides.

Metro learnt that Kalu and his gang members had been terrorising the people of Abia State and environs, before he was nabbed by detectives attached to the Anti-Kidnapping Section of the command's Criminal Investigation Department (D7), Umuahia, on Monday, June 5.

According to a press release made available to **Metro** by the state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Geoffrey Ogbonna on behalf of the Commissioner of Police, Leye Oyejade, the suspect was arrested by the police team after a tip-off that he was at Okai Item, Bende Local Government Area of the state.

"Upon his arrest, the suspect confessed to the killing of two policemen at the Orji Uzor Kalu Bridge two months ago, as well as the killing of one Chuks Mbaeri Okebata, a US-based army officer from Mbaeri, Imo State, in December 2016, as well as eight members of the Abia Vigilante Services.

"Unfortunately, when the suspect led the police detectives in arresting his gang members, they were attacked by hoodlums suspected to be his gang members, and he (Obere) was caught in the shootout," the PPRO stated.