

Police kill suspected robber in Asaba

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THE police in Asaba, Delta State have killed a man believed to be in his 20s and who was suspected of returning from a robbery operation alongside other members of his gang.

Detectives, who trailed a **Mercedes Benz** car with five occupants following a tip off to Direct Labour Agency (DLA) Road area of the town on Wednesday night, had shot at the tyres of the vehicle to demobilise it, which made it crash into a fence.

An eyewitness said one of the occupants of the vehicle was shot dead, another arrested, while three others managed to escape from the scene of the accident.

The incident occurred directly opposite Edward Udorah Street, off DLA Road in Asaba.

The acting Police Public

Relations Officer (PPRO) in the state, DSP Edafe Bright, when contacted on Thursday, said the police had it on record that the occupants of the car were involved in a robbery operation and were attempting to escape.

"We had an intelligence report that they had just finished operation and were moving towards DLA road.

"So our men mounted surveillance and when the officers saw the car, they flagged it down but they refused to stop.

"As such, our men chased them to the point where their vehicle hit a fence. They opened fire on the officers who responded, in the process, three of them escaped, while one was shot.

"One suspect was arrested and a locally-made gun was recovered," Edafe said.