

Police kill suspected robber, arrest ex-convict in Delta

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THE police in Delta State on Tuesday shot dead a suspected armed robber during a gun duel at Jesus Avenue in Umusadege Quarters, Kwale, Ndokwa West Local Government Area.

A gang of robbers operating in the area had opened

fire on sighting the police and when the police operatives responded, one of the hoodlums sustained bullet wounds, while the others escaped.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), DSP Bright Edafe, in a statement on Wednesday, said one locally-made gun, four

live cartridges and four expended cartridges were recovered from the hoodlums.

He said the injured suspect was taken to the hospital where he later died.

The statement added that in another development, while on a stop-and-search duty at the Head-Bridge,

Asaba, police operatives intercepted an unregistered KC Sanya motorcycle conveying four men, including the rider, with one of them holding a black polythene bag.

The statement said upon sighting the police, the men abandoned the motorcycle and took to their heels.

"The officers, however, gave them a hot chase, culminating in the arrest of two of the four suspects.

"100 rounds of 7.62mm AK-47 live ammunition in possession of one of the suspects were recovered."

Edafe added: "Operatives of the command's Special Intelligence Team also ar-

rested an ex-convict, Ifeanyi (28) and Chibuzor (20), with one fabricated English pistol recovered from them."

He said acting on the strength of the confession of the suspects, the police also arrested three additional suspects in connection with the recovered pistol.