

Police kill three suspected robbers in Benue

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THREE suspected robbers were killed by policemen during a gun duel at Afia in Ukum Local Government Area of Benue State.

The state Police Public Relations Officer (PPRO), SP Catherine Anene, in a statement made available to newsmen in Makurdi, said the officers responded to a distress call and engaged the suspected robbers.

She said: "On October 14, at about 2:30a.m., a distress call was received from Afia, in Ukum Local Government Area that armed robbers were robbing within the area.

"A patrol team was de-

ployed in the area swiftly and on reaching the scene, the robbers engaged them in a gun duel.

"Three of the suspects sustained gunshot injuries and were rushed to a nearby hospital where they were confirmed dead, while other suspects escaped with wounds.

Items recovered from the suspects, according to police spokesperson include a locally-made pistol loaded with five rounds of live ammunition, a machete and some items suspected to be charms.

Aneme said efforts were already ongoing to apprehend the other fleeing members of the gang.