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Abia Police Kill Four Robbers, Arrest 29 Suspected Kidnappers

Abia state **police** command yesterday said it has continued to record successes in the ongoing war against criminal elements in the state with the **arrest** of 29 suspected kidnappers and armed **robbers** and killings of four suspects in several operations across the state.

Assistant commissioner of **police** in charge of State CID, Mr. Joseph Micloth, made this known while briefing newsmen on the activities of the **police** in the last three months, saying four dare devil bandits were killed in the process of exchanging fire with the **police** in different operations.

He said the suspects, who were all arrested within the crime endemic area of **Abia** south zone, also included two young women. One significant breakthrough was the **arrest** of a dreaded suspected armed robber/kidnapper, one Emmanuel Eze, alias Osimiri, who was at the head of an eight-man gang with operational base at Obingwa local government. Osimiri was said to have fallen into **police** drag net after sleeping in the bush for four days before he sneaked into the house of one Ezinwa Ezeribe at Umuoru village in Obingwa local government where he was arrested following a tip off.

"The suspect confessed to have participated in several kidnapping, burning of house, attacks on the policemen and burning of patrol vehicles at Ukpakiri village and Ntigha Uzor junction, respectively," Micloth said.

Aside from armed robbery/kidnap suspects, the **police** also arrested five murder/attempted murder suspects, three pipeline vandals and three drug peddlers and one burglar.

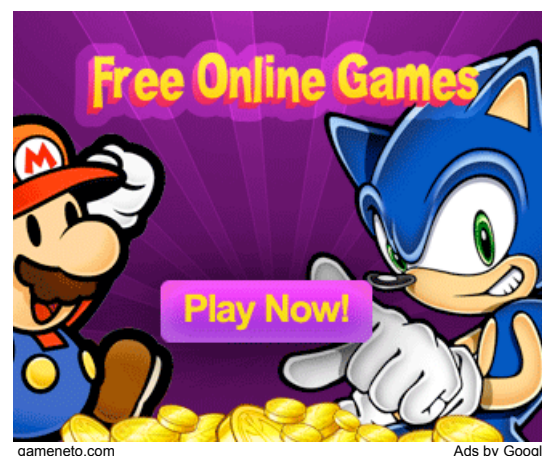
In the course of the operation the **police** said 21 arms of various brands, including locally made versions and 1,500 ammunitions were recovered from the bandits.

Micloth further said they have commenced investigations into the gruesome murder of three teenagers at Amamiri Arochukwu. He said Uchenna John, 16, Uchenna Dom, 16, and Johnson Okoro, 16 were allegedly killed on October 26, 2010 "on mere suspicion of being cultists".

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