

Police kill suspected robber, disrupt cult initiation in Delta

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THE Delta State Police Command has killed a suspected armed robber during a gun duel.

The state Police Public Relations Officer, DSP Bright Edafe, stated this on Thursday in Asaba, the state capital.

He said, "On September 22, 2021, men of the Delta State Police Command

Rapid Response Squad while on a stop-and-search duty on the Benin/Asaba Road, Umunede, flagged down a Lexus 350 SUV with number plate, WWR 343 MD, white in colour, with three occupants.

"The suspects, on noticing the operatives, stopped abruptly,



• Delta CP, Mohammed Ali

disembarked from the vehicle, shot indiscriminately, and ran into the bush.

"The operatives returned fire and went after them. During the gun duel, one of the hoodlums was fatally wounded, while the remaining two escaped with bullet injuries.

"Upon a search, a locally-made pistol loaded with live cartridges and two expended cartridges were recovered from the injured suspect.

"The injured suspect was immediately rushed to the hospital, where he gave up the ghost while receiving treatment."

Edafe said the Lexus SUV was discovered to have been snatched from the owner at gunpoint around the Warri area on Saturday.

In another development, men of the *Operation Delta Hawk* on Monday foiled a cult initiation in Agbor and arrested two suspects.

According to the PPRO, the operatives received credible information that activities to initiate new members into the *Vikings* cult were ongoing at Aliokpo Powerline off Old Warri Road, Agbor.

He said the team swung into action, adding that on getting to the scene, two male suspects -- Blessing Rex, 30, and Lucky Wisdom, 18 -- were arrested, while others escaped.

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darkness; this same problem has been reported in many areas in the local government.

"Our economic activities have been paralysed as people using electricity to do their work find it difficult to transact business; this needs urgent attention so that the society will not become desolate.

"Ife-North has been known for peace, but this absence of power has made it to be a lawless society where different people just come at night into the local government unchallenged. The government and the IBEDC must take steps before things go out of hand."

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to look at what happened. But it is quite unfortunate and I sympathise with the owner of the said property. I also sympathise with the family of the person I heard lost his life."

The state Police Public Relations Officer, Nnamdi Omoni, said he was away for a programme but promised to find out about the incident and get back to our correspondent.

He had yet to do so as of the time of filing this report.

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