Police kill gunman, arrest robbers in Edo, Nasarawa

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The Edo State Police Command on Tuesday said it killed a notorious robber and recovered arms while responding to a distress call from residents of Abuja Quarters, Government Reserved Area, Benin.

The state Deputy Police Public Relations Officer, ASP Jennifer Iwegbu, in a statement, said the hoodlums engaged the police in a gun duel, which led to the death of the suspect.

The statement read in part, "In its unrelenting efforts to stem the increasing rate of armed robbery and other vices in the state, operatives of the Edo State Police Command attached to its Ugbor divisional headquarters on July 12, 2022, around 4.45am neutralised an armed robbery suspect.

"Following a distress call to the Divisional Police Officer in charge of Ugbor division that there was an ongoing robbery operation along Abuja Quarters by Benson Idahosa University, Ugbor, GRA, Benin City, the DPO personally led operatives to the scene with the aim of arresting the suspects.

"On arrival at the scene, the suspects, on sighting police operatives, engaged them in a gun duel. However, the superior firepower of the police operatives neutralised one of the suspected armed robbers.

"Items recovered from the suspect included one pump-action gun and five live cartridges, while efforts are ongoing to arrest the fleeing gang members."